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# The Zone of Interest is about the danger of ignoring atrocities – including in Gaza

Naomi Klein

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If Jonathan Glazer's brave Oscar acceptance speech made you uncomfortable, that was the point

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*'We refute our Jewishness and the Holocaust being hijacked': Jonathan Glazer calls for end to Gaza attacks at Oscars.*

Glazer was accepting the award for best international film for *The Zone of Interest*, which is inspired by the real life of Rudolf Höss, commandant of the Auschwitz concentration camp. The film follows Höss's idyllic domestic life with his wife and children, which unfolds in a stately home and garden immediately adjacent to the concentration camp. Glazer has described his characters not as monsters but as "non-thinking, bourgeois, aspirational-careerist horrors", people who manage to turn profound evil into white noise. "All our choices were made to reflect and confront us in the present – not to say, 'Look what they did then'; rather, 'Look what we do now,'" Glazer said, quickly dispatching with the notion that comparing present-day horrors to Nazi crimes is inherently minimizing or relativizing, and leaving no doubt that his explicit intention was to draw out continuities between the monstrous past and our monstrous present. And he went further: "We stand here as men who refute their Jewishness and the Holocaust being hijacked by an occupation which has led to conflict for so many innocent people, whether the victims of 7 October in Israel or the ongoing attack on Gaza." For Glazer, Israel does not get a pass, nor is it ethical to use intergenerational Jewish trauma from the Holocaust as justification or cover for atrocities committed by the Israeli state today.

Glazer has repeatedly stressed that his film's subject is not the Holocaust, with its well-known horrors and historical particularities, but something more enduring and pervasive: the human capacity to live with holocausts and other atrocities, to make peace with them, draw benefit from them. *Zone* offers an extreme portrait of a family whose placid and pretty life flows directly from the machinery devouring human life next door. This is most emphatically not a portrait of people in denial: they know what is happening on the other side of the wall, and even the kids play with scavenged human teeth. The concentration camp and the family home are not separate entities; they are conjoined. The wall of the family's garden – creating an enclosed space for the children to play, and shade for the pool – is the same wall that, on the other side, encloses the camp.

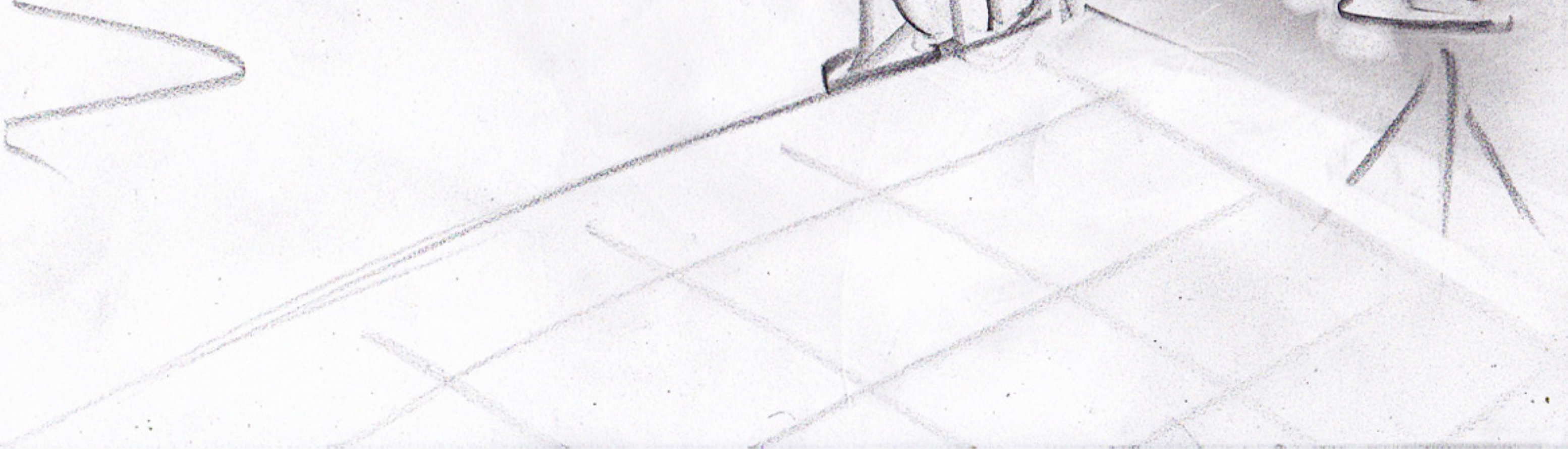
Everyone I know who has seen the film can think of little but Gaza. To say this is not to claim a one-to-one equation or comparison with Auschwitz. No two genocides are identical: Gaza is not a factory deliberately designed for mass murder, nor are we close to the scale of the Nazi death toll. But the whole reason the postwar edifice of international humanitarian law was erected was so that we would have the tools to collectively identify patterns before history repeats at scale. And some of the patterns – the wall, the ghetto, the mass killing, the repeatedly stated eliminationist intent, the mass starvation, the pillaging, the joyful dehumanization, and the deliberate humiliation – are repeating. So, too, are the ways that genocide becomes ambient, the way those of us a little further away from the walls can block the images, and tune out the cries, and just ... carry on. That's why the Academy made Glazer's point for him when it hard-cut to *Barbenheimer* – itself a trivialization of mass slaughter – without missing a beat. Atrocity is once again becoming ambient.

And as genocide fades further into the background of our culture, some people grow too desperate for any of these efforts. Watching the Oscars on Sunday, where Glazer was alone among the parade of wealthy and powerful speakers across the podium to so much as mention Gaza, I remembered that exactly two weeks had passed since Aaron Bushnell, a 25-year-old member of the US air force, self-immolated outside the Israeli embassy in Washington.

I don't want anyone else to deploy that horrifying protest tactic; there has already been far too much death. But we should spend some time sitting with the statement that Bushnell left, words I have come to view as a haunting, contemporary coda to Glazer's film:

"Many of us like to ask ourselves, 'What would I do if I was alive during slavery? Or the Jim Crow south? Or apartheid? What would I do if my country was committing genocide?' The answer is, you're doing it. Right now."

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Still talking!



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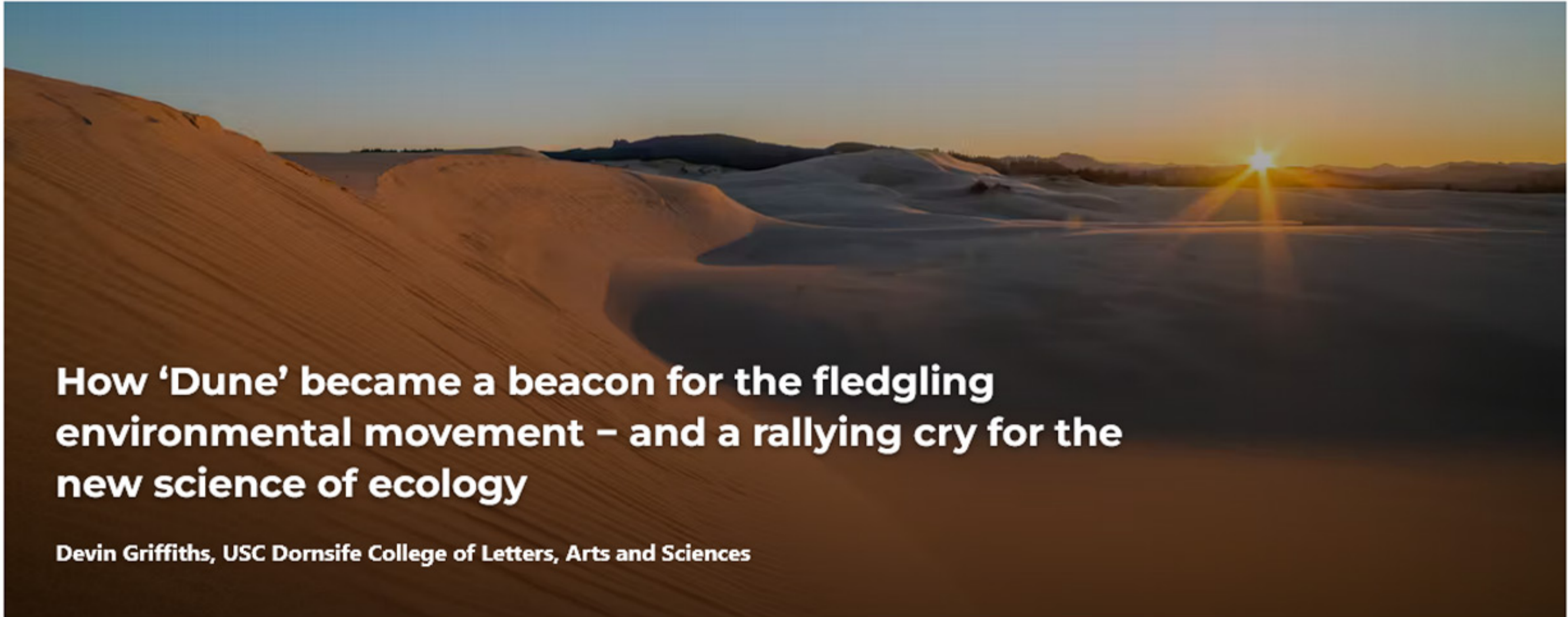
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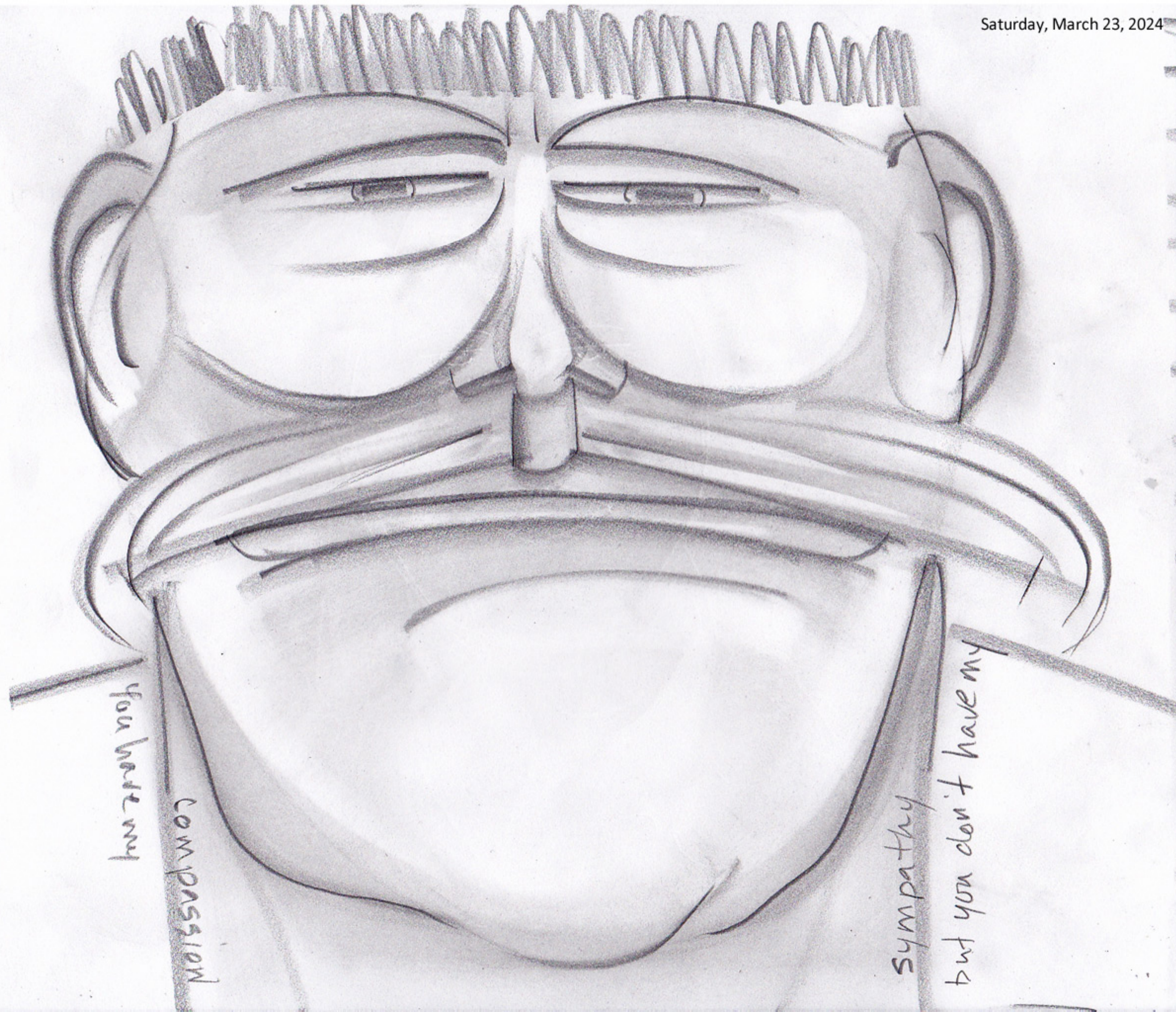
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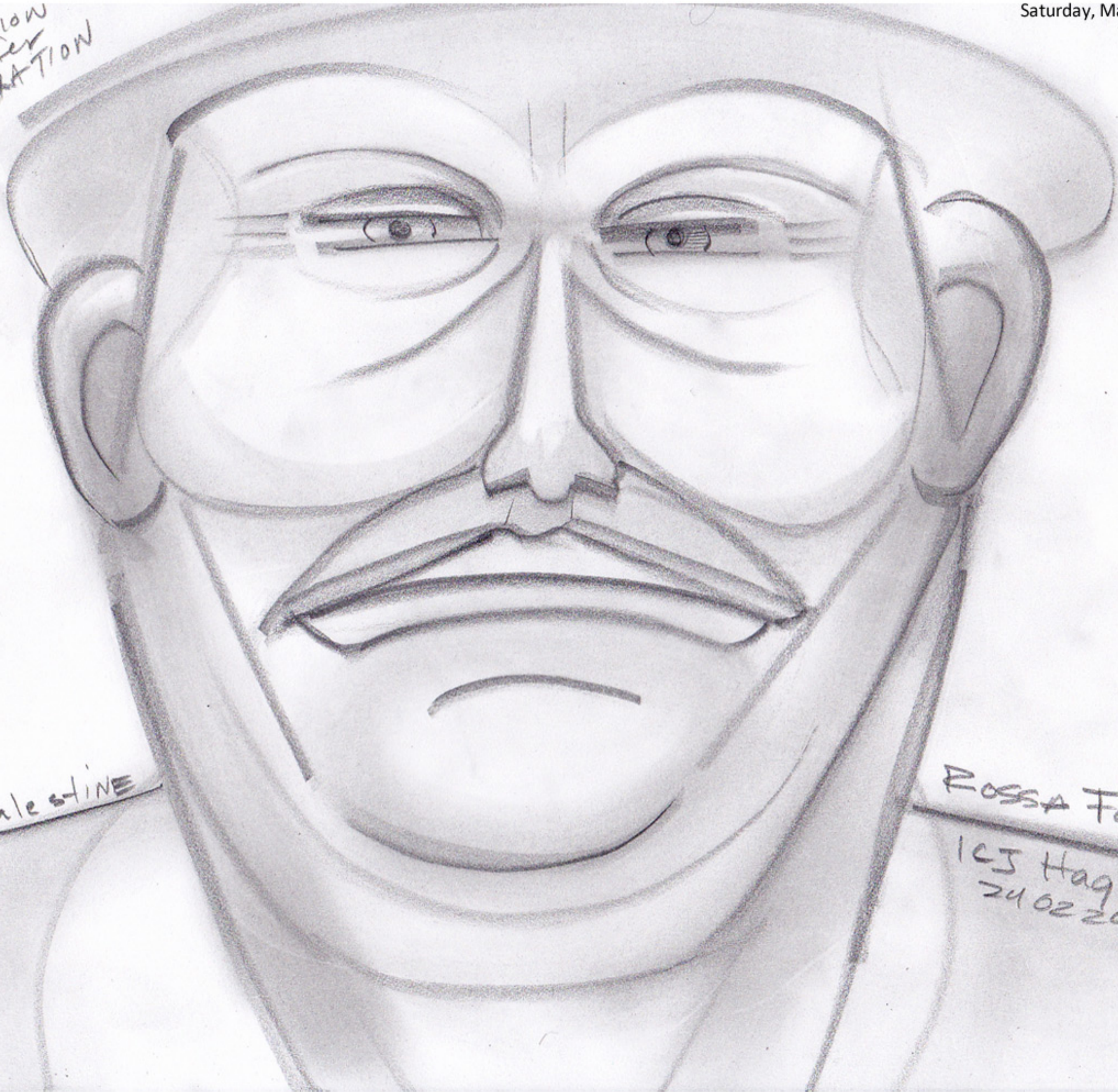
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## A Georgia judge rules that Fani Willis can remain on the Trump case if Wade steps aside

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it was divine

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Gertrude STENG (30)  
Pablo Picasso (25)



### Fani Willis must step aside or remove special prosecutor in Trump case, judge says

The judge in the Georgia election interference case against Donald Trump and others says Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis must step aside or remove the special prosecutor with whom she had a romantic relationship before the case can proceed.

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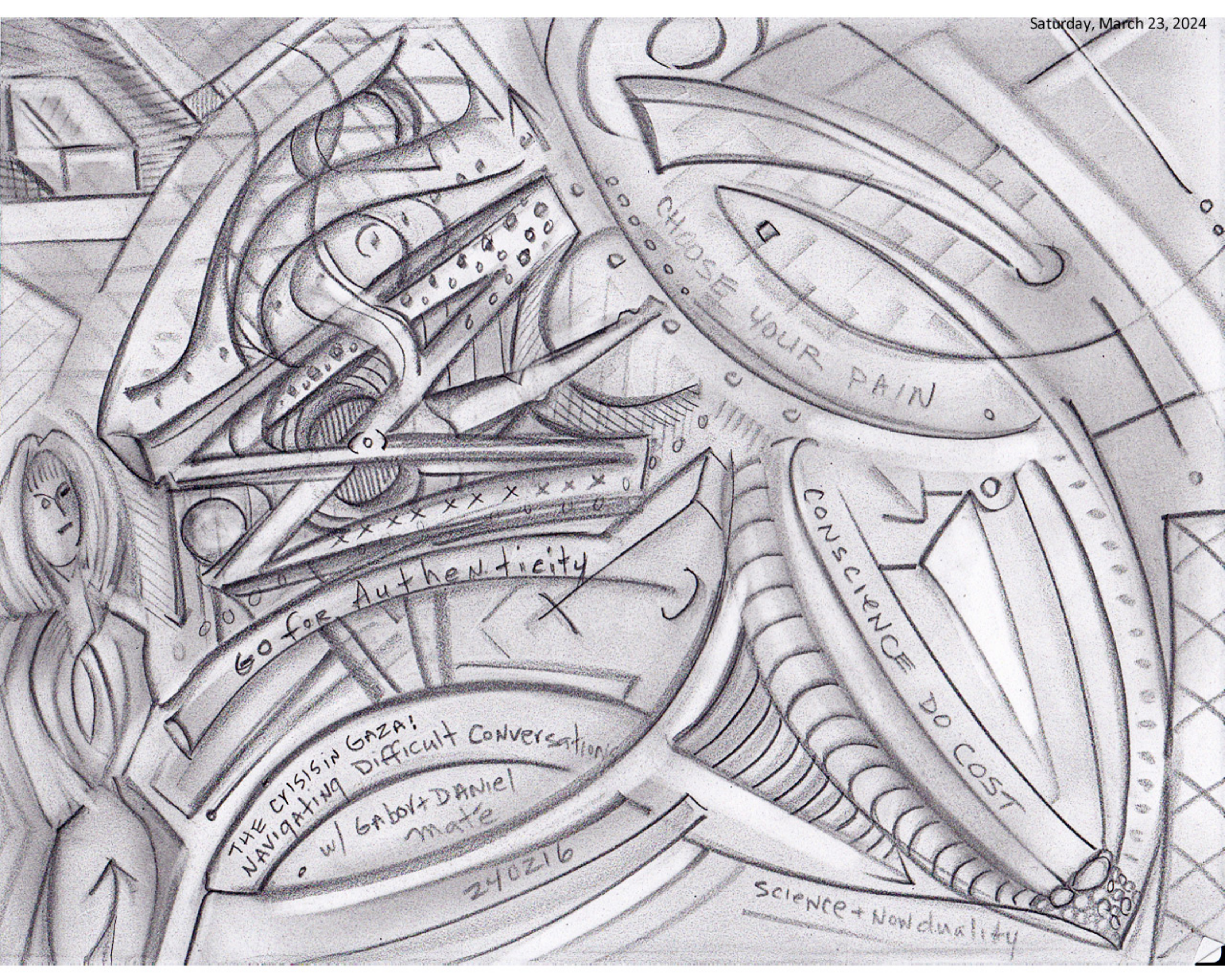
# Elvis Presley - In The Ghetto (Music Video) (1969) <https://youtu.be/6am8V5KNJ4A>

As the snow flies  
On a cold and gray Chicago mornin'  
A poor little baby child is born  
In the ghetto  
And his mama cries  
'Cause if there's one thing that she don't need  
It's another hungry mouth to feed  
In the ghetto  
People, don't you understand  
The child needs a helping hand  
Or he'll grow to be an angry young man some day  
Take a look at you and me,  
Are we too blind to see,  
Do we simply turn our heads  
And look the other way  
Well the world turns  
And a hungry little boy with a runny nose  
Plays in the street as the cold wind blows  
In the ghetto  
And his hunger burns  
So he starts to roam the streets at night  
And he learns how to steal  
And he learns how to fight  
In the ghetto  
Then one night in desperation  
The young man breaks the rules  
He buys a gun, steals a car,  
Tries to run, but he don't get far  
And his mama cries  
As a crowd gathers 'round an angry young man  
Face down on the street with a gun in his hand  
In the ghetto  
As her young man dies,  
On a cold and gray Chicago mornin',  
Another little baby child is born  
In the ghetto  
And his mama cries



**Girls' wrestling has become the fastest-growing high school sport in the country.** This year, hundreds of girls competed in Pennsylvania's first sanctioned state tournament as the state rocketed to more than 180 high school teams from none in 2020. Easton's Aubre Krazer, right, takes down Hazleton Area's Miah Molinaro, left, during the first round of the PIAA High School Wrestling Championships in Hershey, Pa., Thursday, March 7, 2024. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)





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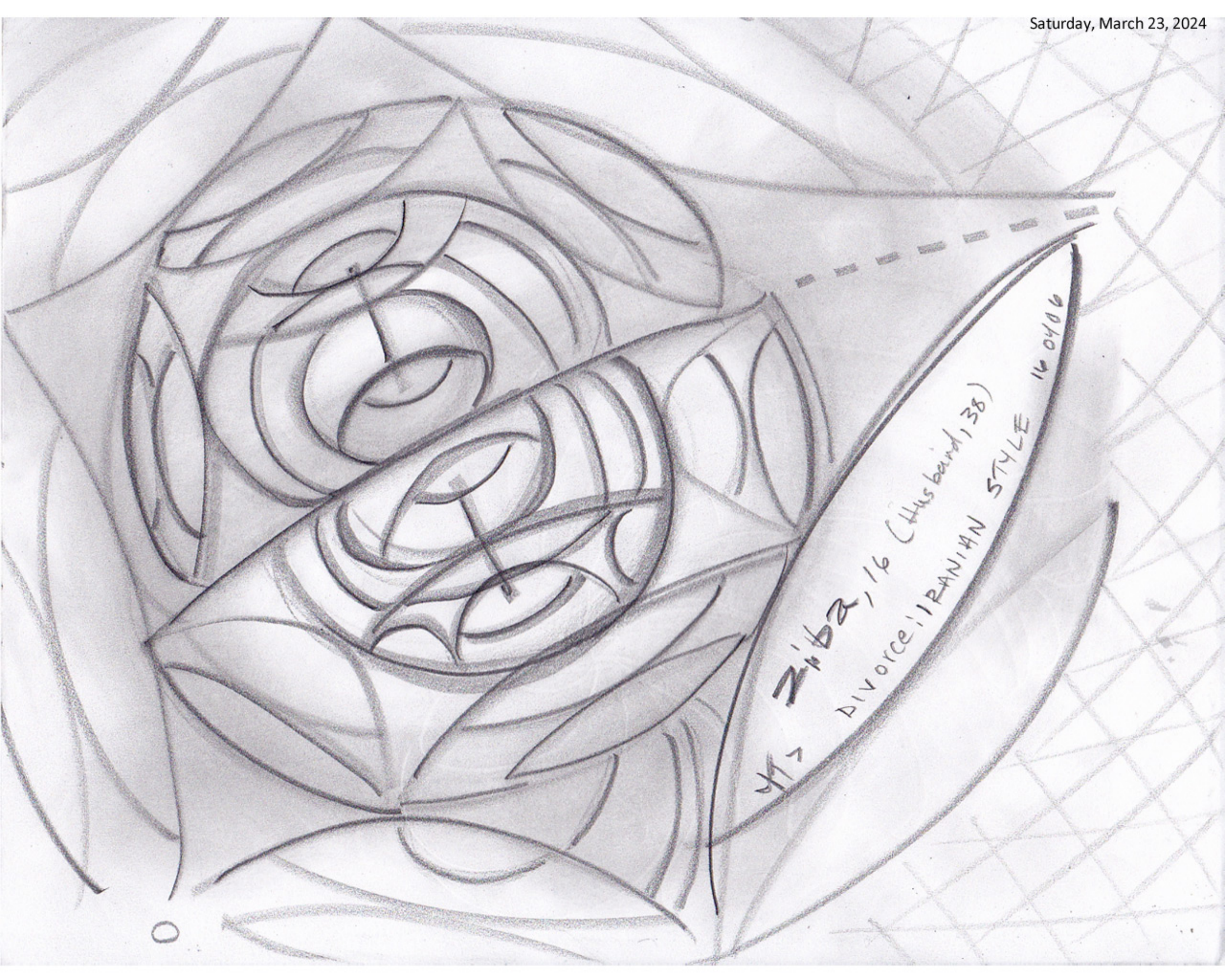
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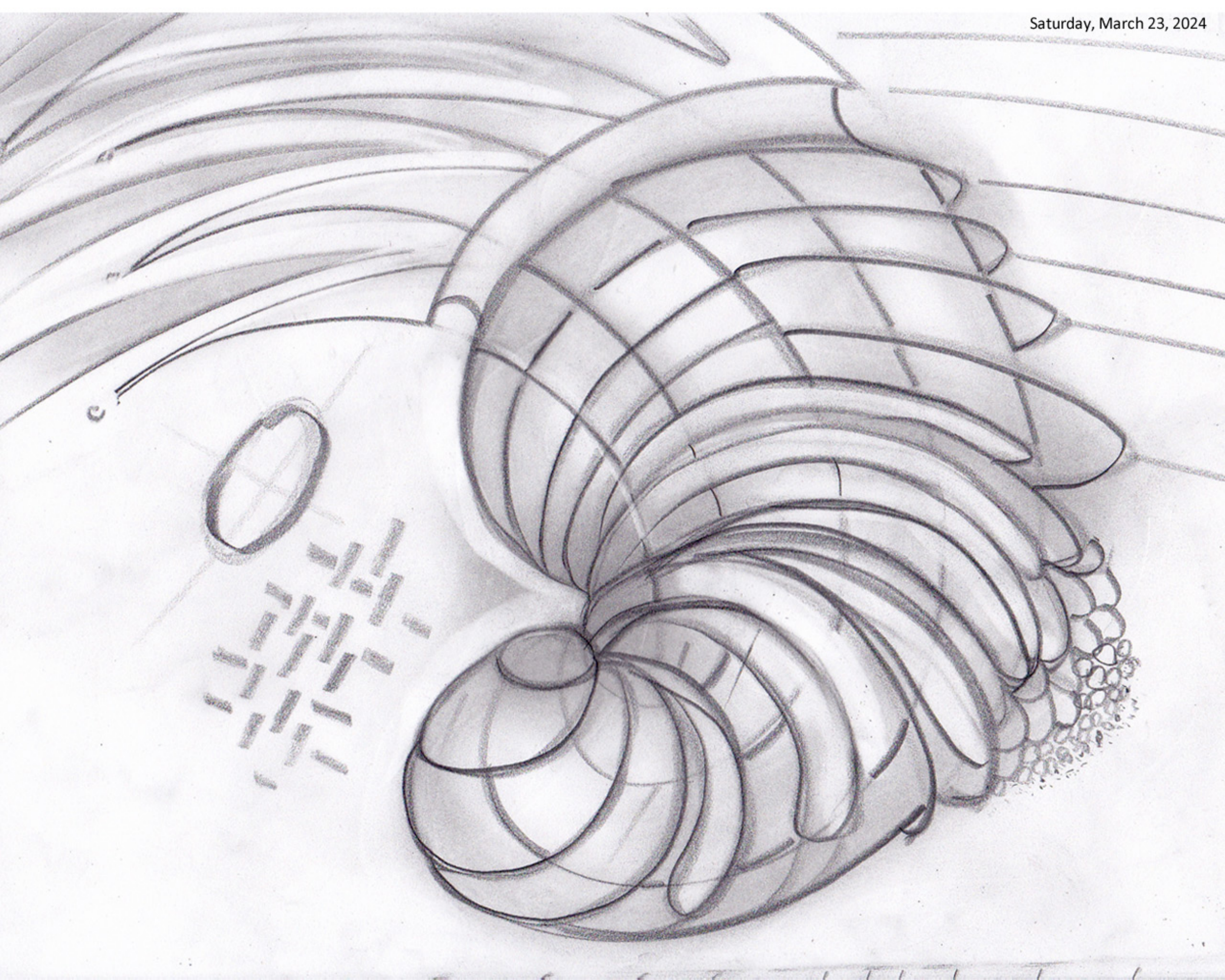


CLIMATE

# In Vietnam's Mekong Delta, the lure of moving to the city grows even stronger amid climate shocks



CAN THO, Vietnam (AP) — Dao Bao Tran and her brother Do Hoang Trung, 11-year-old twins growing up on a rickety houseboat in the Mekong Delta, have dreams. Tran loves K-pop, watches videos at night to learn Korean and would love to visit Seoul. Trung wants to be a singer. But their hopes are “unrealistic,” said Trung: “I know I’ll end up going to the city to try and make a living.” Such dreams have a way of dissipating in southern Vietnam’s Mekong, one of the most climate-vulnerable regions in the world.



# After the pandemic, young Chinese again want to study abroad, just not so much in the US

“Increasing competition from Chinese institutions of higher learning and the growing geopolitical tension between China and the United States may be contributing to this trend.”



Students line up to enter a school for the first day of China's national college entrance examinations, known as the gaokao, in Beijing, Tuesday, June 7, 2022. After the pandemic, young Chinese are again looking to study abroad. But the decades-long run that has sent an estimated 3 million Chinese students to the U.S. could be trending down. (AP Photo/Andy Wong, File)



## Hidden giants: how the UK's 500,000 redwoods put California in the shade

Researchers found that the Victorians brought so many seeds and saplings to Britain that the trees now outnumber those in their US homeland

**James Tapper**

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Three redwoods tower over Wakehurst's Elizabethan mansion like skyscrapers. Yet at 40 metres (131ft) high, these are almost saplings – not even 150 years old and already almost twice as high as Cleopatra's Needle. "At the moment they're some of the tallest trees in the UK and they are starting to poke above the forest canopy. But if they grow to their full potential, they're going to be three times taller than most trees," says Dr Phil Wilkes, part of the research team at Wakehurst, in West Sussex, an outpost of Kew Gardens. One or two of these California imports would be curiosities, such as the 100-metre high redwood that was stripped of its bark in 1854 and exhibited to Victorian crowds at the Crystal Palace in south-east London, until it was destroyed by fire in 1866. But there are more than just a handful of redwoods in the UK, and Wakehurst has many more than these three. The Victorians were so impressed that they brought seeds and seedlings from the US in such large numbers that there are now approximately 500,000 in Britain. California has about 80,000 giant sequoias, the official name for giant redwoods, as well as coastal redwoods and a few ornamental dawn redwoods imported from China.

"People are often worried that they're an invasive species, but they seem to be pretty benign," Wilkes says. "There's no evidence they're self-seeding." This could be because they are juveniles not yet ready to reproduce – redwoods live up to 3,000 years – or because their cones only usually open up in the heat of a forest fire. That means each of the UK's trees was probably planted. It also explains how half a million giants have managed to hide in plain sight. "They were prized possessions," Wilkes adds. "Quite often they were planted at a manor house and they planted a driveway with rows of redwoods. And these houses have burned down or been demolished but the redwoods still exist." Redwood aficionados have charted some of the locations, from people's back gardens to parks and suburban streets where homes have been built around the trees.

### California's teetering giants

For millions of years the world's tallest trees have graced California peaks and coastlines, growing through centuries of changes. The towering redwoods that first took root in groves through the Sierra Nevada mountain range are as resilient as they are stunning. But those landscapes have seen significant shifts over the past century and the forests have suffered. Spurred by the climate crisis, devastating droughts and scorching temperatures have added new stressors for the redwoods, particularly the famous giant sequoias, which now struggle to bounce back after big wildfires. **Part of the problem stems from California's gold rush era, when settlers descended with an overzealous appetite for good timber, cutting down much of the old-growth forests.** They also suppressed indigenous land management techniques, which included setting "healthy" fires that cleared out the forest. A century of fire suppression created an overabundance of vegetation that set the stage for larger, more catastrophic blazes.

Robbed of the most resilient ancient trees, forests now face a devastating cycle: the trees that die leave more fuel for dangerous fires. Vulnerable trees are also increasingly under attack from native bark beetles, insects that feed on their spongy red trunks until they topple. Scientists estimate that roughly a fifth of California's remaining giant sequoias have died in recent years due to this combination of factors, including one particularly severe 2020 wildfire that wiped out up to 10,000 mature trees. There are efforts underway in California to protect them as federal agencies, states, and indigenous communities work to bring good fire back to the land, and seed decimated landscapes with new trees. Threats from global heating continue to mount and changes are outpacing mitigation work. Along with their picturesque stature, the trees are also crucial to maintaining healthy ecosystems in California by capturing carbon dioxide, providing a cooling effect when temperatures spike, and they are vital habitat for other forest creatures. When they disappear, the landscapes will be forever changed, along with the plants, animals, and people that have grown to depend on them.

I witnessed the bodies of four other people

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sleep more and have better overall job satisfaction.

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but it's attracting customers

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could be a blueprint for the rest of the country.

**Local governments are grappling with floods**

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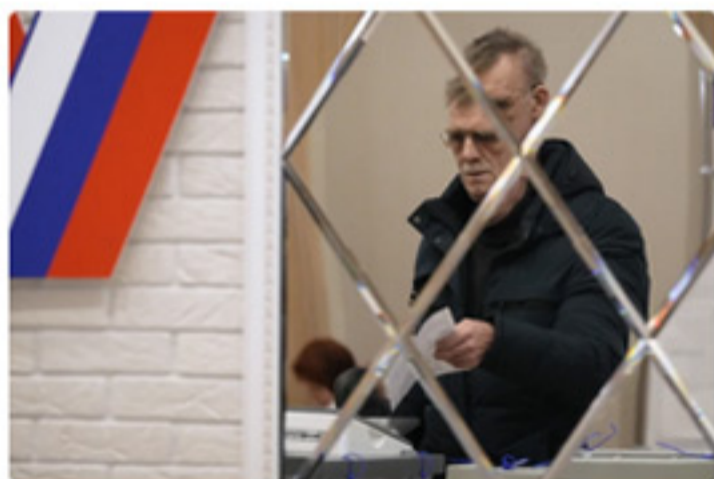
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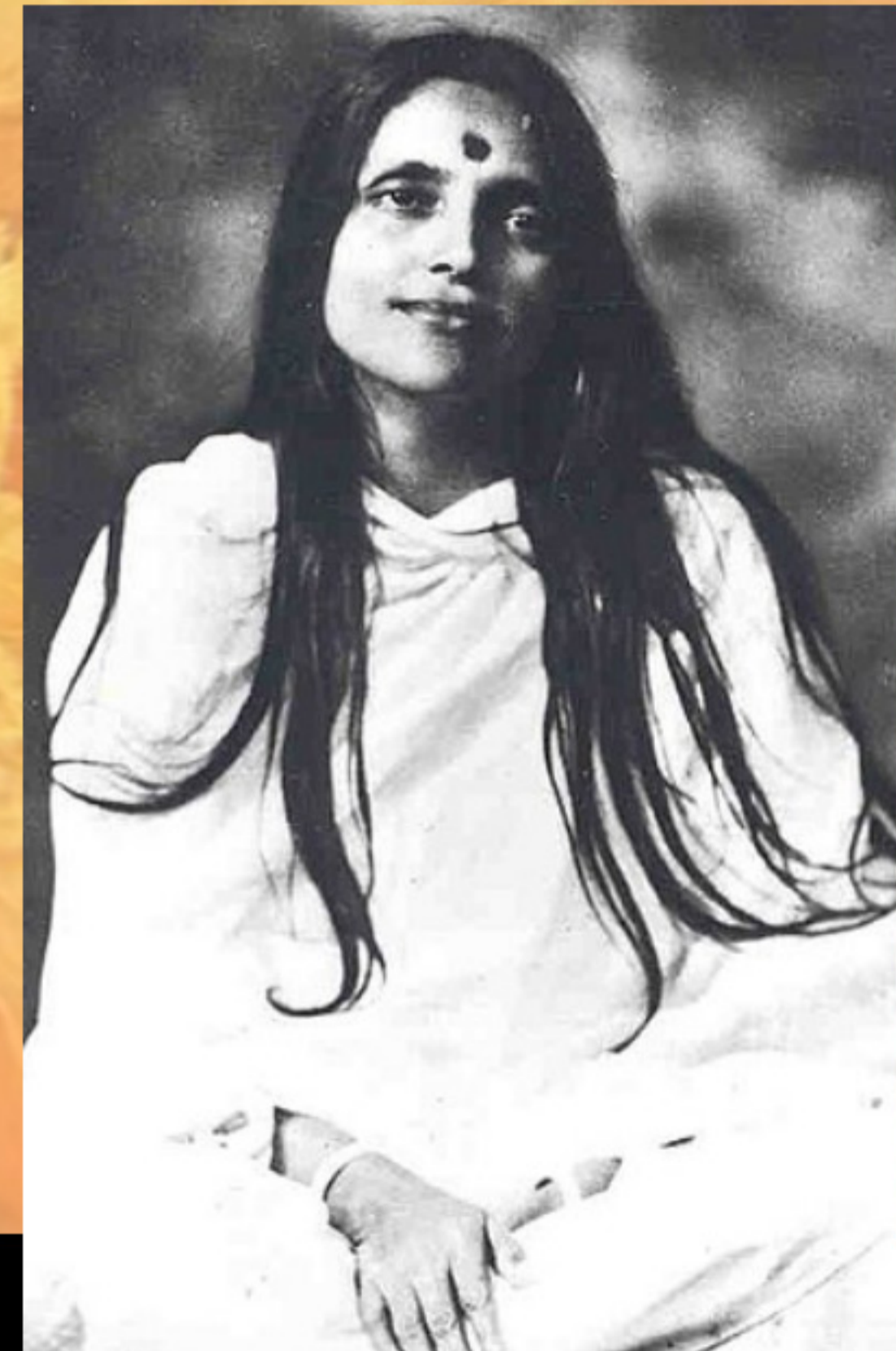
# The Bizarre Life Of Sri Anandamayi Ma

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**Anandamayi Ma** (born **Nirmala Sundari**; 30 April 1896 – 27 August 1982)  
an Indian saint revered as an incarnation of **Hindu goddess Durga**

**There is so little to tell, Father.  
Before I came on this earth, Father,  
'I was the same'.  
As a little girl,  
'I was the same'  
I grew into womanhood, but still  
'I was the same' ...  
even afterwards  
through the dance of creation  
changes around me in the Hall of Eternity ...  
'I shall be the same'."**

**Durga** is a major Hindu goddess, worshipped as a principal aspect of the mother goddess Mahadevi. She is associated with protection, strength, motherhood, destruction, and wars.



List my mother posted by the kitchen table for her 7 kids circa 1960s

1. Sit up.
2. Sit down.
3. Hat off.
4. Shirt on.
5. Quiet down.
6. Smaller bite.
7. Close mouth.
8. Elbows off.
9. Hold fork nicely.
10. Sing later.
11. Help clear table.
12. Please



# Joe Biden's Parting Gift to America Will be Christian Fascism

The Democratic Party had one last chance to implement the kind of New Deal Reforms that could save us from another Trump presidency and Christian fascism. It failed.



CHRIS HEDGES  
MAR 17, 2024



The Democrats dutifully serve their corporate masters, without whom most of them, including Biden, would not have a political career. This is why Biden and the Democrats will not turn on those who are destroying our economy and extinguishing our democracy. The slops in the trough would dry up. Advocating reforms jeopardize their fiefdoms of privilege and power. They fancy themselves as “captains of the ship,” labor journalist Hamilton Nolan writes, but they are “actually the wood-eating shipworms who are consuming the thing from inside until it sinks.” Authoritarianism is nurtured in the fertile soil of a bankrupt liberalism. This was true in Weimar Germany. It was true in the former Yugoslavia. And it is true now. The Democrats had four years to institute New Deal reforms. They failed. Now we will pay. A second Trump term will not be like the first. It will be about vengeance. Vengeance against the institutions that targeted Trump – the press, the courts, the intelligence agencies, disloyal Republicans, artists, intellectuals, the federal bureaucracy and the Democratic Party. Our imperial presidency, if Donald Trump returns to power, will shift effortlessly into a dictatorship that emasculates the legislative and judicial branches. The plan to snuff out our anemic democracy is methodically laid out in the 887-page plan amassed by the Heritage Foundation called “Mandate for Leadership.” The Heritage Foundation spent \$22 million to draw up policy proposals, hiring lists and transition plans in Project 2025 to save Trump from the rudderless chaos that plagued his first term. Trump blames “snakes,” “traitors,” and the “Deep State” for undermining his first administration.

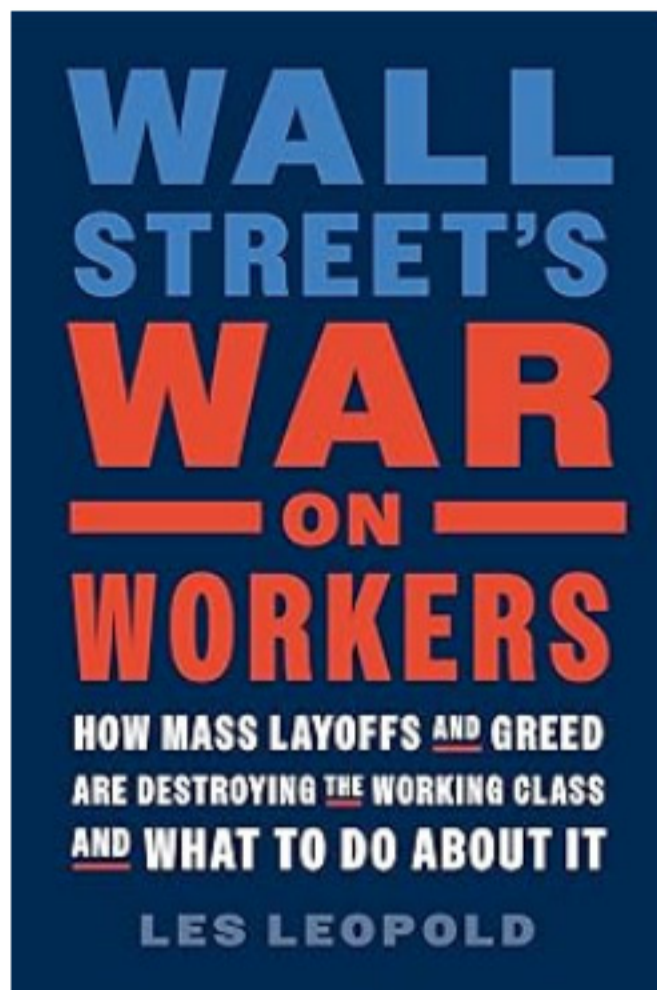
Our industrious American fascists, clutching the Christian cross and waving the flag, will begin work on day one to purge federal agencies of “snakes” and “traitors,” promulgate “Biblical” values, cut taxes for the billionaire class, abolish the Environmental Protection Agency, stack the courts and federal agencies with ideologues and strip workers of the few rights and protections they have left. War and internal security, including the wholesale surveillance of the public, will remain the main business of the state. The other functions of the state, especially those that focus on social services, including Social Security and protection of the vulnerable, will wither away. **Unfettered and unregulated capitalism, which has no self-imposed limits, turns everything into a commodity, from human beings to the natural world, which it exploits, until exhaustion or collapse. It first creates a mafia economy, as Karl Polanyi writes, and then a mafia government. Political theorists, including Aristotle, Karl Marx and Sheldon Wolin, warn that when oligarchs seize power, the only options left are tyranny or revolution.** The Democrats know the working class has abandoned them. And they know why. But the Democrats will not alienate the corporations and billionaires who keep them in office. They have opted instead for two self-defeating tactics: lies and fear.

Les Leopold in his book *Wall Street's War on Workers*, filled with exhaustive polling and data, illustrates that economic dislocation and despair is the engine behind an enraged working class, not racism and bigotry. He writes about the decision by Siemens to close its plant in Olean, New York with 530 decent paying union jobs. While Democrats bemoaned the closure, they refused to deny federal contracts to Siemens to protect the workers at the plant. Biden then invited Siemens' USA CEO Barbara Humpton to the White House signing of the 2021 infrastructure bill. The photo of the signing shows Humpton standing in the front row along with New York Senator Chuck Schumer. Mingo County in the early 20th century was the epicenter of an armed clash between the United Mine Workers and the coal barons, with their hired gun thugs from the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. The gun thugs evicted striking workers in 1912 from company housing and beat up and shot union members until the state militia occupied the coal towns and broke the strike. The federal siege was not lifted until 1933 by the Roosevelt administration. The union, which had been banned, was legalized. “Mingo County didn't forget, at least not for a long time,” Leopold writes. “As late as 1996, with more than 3,200 coal miners still at work, Mingo County gave Bill Clinton a whopping 69.7 percent of its vote. But every four years thereafter, support for the Democrats declined, going down and down, and down some more. By 2020, Joe Biden received only 13.9 percent of the vote in Mingo, a brutal downturn in a county that once saw the Democratic Party as its savior.” The 3,300 Mingo County coal mining jobs by 2020 had fallen to 300, the largest loss of coal jobs in any county in the country.

The lies of Democratic politicians did far more damage to working men and women than any of the lies spewed by Trump.

There have been at least 30 million mass layoffs since 1996 when the Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking them, according to the Labor Institute. The reigning oligarchs, not content with mass layoffs and reducing the unionized workforce in the private sector to a paltry 6 percent, have filed legal papers to shut down the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the federal agency that enforces labor rights. *Elon Musk's SpaceX as well as Amazon, Starbucks and Trader Joe's targeted the NLRB – already stripped of most of its power to levy fines and force corporate compliance – after it accused Amazon, Starbucks and Trader Joe's of breaking the law by blocking union organizing.* Fear — fear of the return of Trump and Christian fascism — is the only card the Democrats have left to play. This will work in urban, liberal enclaves where college educated technocrats, part of the globalized knowledge economy, are busy scolding and demonizing the working class for their ingratitude. The Democrats have foolishly written off these “deplorables” as a lost political cause. This precariat, the mantra goes, is victimized not by a predatory system built to enrich the billionaire class, but by their ignorance and individual failures. Dismissing the disenfranchised absolves the Democrats from advocating the legislation to protect and create decent-paying jobs. Fear has no hold in deindustrialized urban landscapes and the neglected wastelands of rural America, where families struggle without sustainable work, an opioid crisis, food deserts, personal bankruptcies, evictions, crippling debt and profound despair.

They want what Trump wants. Vengeance. Who can blame them?



# Wall Street's War on Workers: How Mass Layoffs and Greed Are Destroying the Working Class and What to Do About It Hardcover –

February 22, 2024

by [Les Leopold](#) (Author)

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"This book gave me a new lens to see the world." —Robert Krulwich, former co-host of WNYC's Radiolab

Addressing the pressing issues affecting everyday Americans during an election year is essential—and one of our nation's most profound challenges is the devastating impact of mass layoffs. Layoffs upend people's lives, cause enormous stress, and lead to debilitating personal debt. The societal harm caused by mass layoffs has been known for decades. Yet, we do little to stop them. Why? Why do we allow whole communities to be destroyed by corporate decision-makers? Why do we consider mass layoffs a natural, baked-in feature of modern financialized capitalism? And what are our elected officials going to do about it?offers new hope for workers everywhere.

In Wall Street's War on Workers, Les Leopold, co-founder of the Labor Institute, provides a clear lens with which we can see how healthy corporations in the United States have used mass layoffs and stock buybacks to enrich shareholders at the expense of employees. With detailed research and concise language, Leopold explains why mass layoffs occur and how our current laws and regulations allow companies to turn these layoffs into short-term financial gains. Original and insightful, Wall Street's War on Workers places US labor practices in the broader context of our social and political life, examining the impact financial strip-mining and legalized looting are having on party politics, destroying the integrity of democratic institutions. Leopold expertly lays out how the proliferation of opioids coupled with Wall Street's destruction of jobs in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin have led to widespread mass layoff fatalism. Democrats have unarguably lost the longstanding support of millions of urban and rural workers, and Leopold points out how party leaders have been wrong about the assumption that the white working class is becoming less progressive and motivated to abandon the Democratic Party by reactionary positions on divisive social issues. With deep analyses, stark examples, and surprisingly simple proactive steps forward, Leopold also asserts that:

- Surviving and thriving in a competitive global economy does not require mass layoffs.
- A new virulent, financialized version of American capitalism is policy driven.
- To end mass layoffs, Wall Street's domination of our economy must end.
- The accepted "wisdom" about white working-class populism is wrong.
- Ending stock buybacks and changing corporate officers' pay structures could eliminate mass layoffs.
- Mass layoffs are not the result of inevitable economic "laws" or new technologies like artificial intelligence.

Both groundbreaking and urgent, Wall Street's War on Workers not only offers solutions that could halt mass layoffs but also offers new hope for workers everywhere.

"Leopold offers a contrarian yet compelling take on America's "white working class" . . . [and says] Democrats in 2024 ignore this massive, potentially sympathetic voting bloc at their peril." —Booklist (starred review)

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
## Trump says some migrants are 'not people', and warns of 'bloodbath' if he loses

Former President Trump claimed he will protect Social Security and warned of a "bloodbath" in the auto industry if he loses the election at a rally for Senate candidate Bernie Moreno in Ohio.



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- Biden jokes that one presidential candidate is mentally unfit — and it's not him

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# Israel's Trojan Horse

The "temporary pier" being built on the Mediterranean coast of Gaza is not there to alleviate the famine, but to herd Palestinians onto ships and into permanent exile.



CHRIS HEDGES

MAR 18, 2024



## Israel's Trojan Horse - by Mr. Fish

Israel has allowed 15,413 trucks into Gaza during the past 157 days of war. Oxfam estimates that the population of Gaza needs five times that number. Israel allowed 2,874 trucks in February, a 44 percent reduction from the previous month. **Before Oct. 7**, 500 aid trucks entered Gaza daily.

*Israel, by design, is creating a humanitarian crisis of such catastrophic proportions, with thousands of Palestinians killed by bombs, shells, missiles, bullets, starvation and infectious diseases, that the only option will be death or deportation. The pier is where the last act in this gruesome genocidal campaign will be played out as Palestinians are herded by Israeli soldiers onto ships.*

**How appropriate that the Biden administration, without whom this genocide could not be carried out, will facilitate it.**

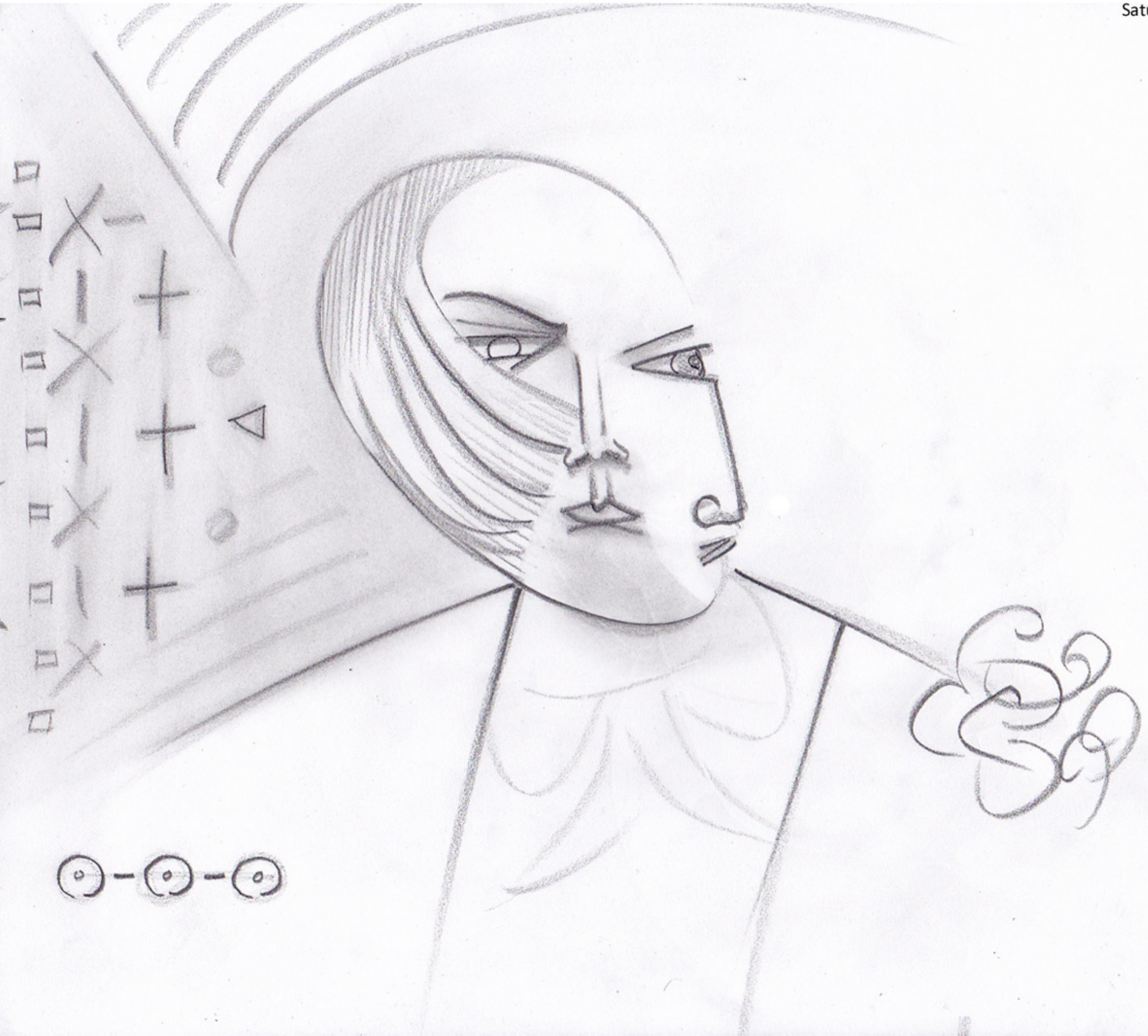
The Jerusalem Post reported it was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who proposed the construction of the "temporary pier" to the Biden administration.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who has called Palestinians "human animals" and advocated a total siege of Gaza, including cutting off electricity, food, water and fuel, lauded the plan, saying "it is designed to bring aid directly to the residents and thus continue the collapse of Hamas's rule in Gaza."

"Why would Israel, the engineer of the Gaza famine, endorse the idea of establishing a maritime corridor for aid to address a crisis it initiated and is now worsening?" writes Tamara Nassar in an article titled "What's the Real Purpose of Biden's Gaza Port?" in *The Electronic Intifada*. "This might appear paradoxical if one were to assume that the primary aim of the maritime corridor is to deliver aid."

When Israel offers a gift to the Palestinians you can be sure it is a poison apple. That Israel got the Biden administration to construct the pier is one more example of the inverted relationship between Washington and Jerusalem, where the Israel lobby has bought off elected officials in the two ruling parties.

Oxfam in a March 15 report accuses Israel of actively hindering aid operations in Gaza in defiance of the orders by the International Court of Justice. It notes that 1.7 million Palestinians, some 75 percent of the Gaza population, are facing famine and two-thirds of the hospitals and over 80 percent of all health clinics in Gaza are no longer operable. The majority of people, the report reads, "have no access to clean drinking water" and "sanitation services are not functioning."





## Random Vacationer Draws Huge Crowd When He sings THIS



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So, I'm in San Jose Del Cabo asking random people to sing. That's when I meet Jordan Matthew Young. While we are talking about what song we will do, we notice people crowding around to hear the song. I realize that Jordan is no stranger to crowds when he tells me he's been touring for years. [@jordanmatthewyoung7552](https://twitter.com/jordanmatthewyoung7552)

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**Jordan Matthew Young** is a singer from Austin, Texas who was a contestant on [Season 20](#) of [The Voice](#). He is a member of [Team Blake](#).

### Jordan Matthew Young



### General Information



# Random Vacationer Draws Huge Crowd When He sings THIS

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*It's Patsy Cline; you can't go wrong!*

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Appreciate it. Thank you so much.



Oh, thank you!

## David Hampton on painting and memorising poetry at 97: 'Anyone creative is more likely to live longer' by Tim Jonze

*In his first ever interview, the artist talks about a life spent making dazzling pictures, why he's not bitter about being undiscovered, and why his art school 'didn't get' Matisse*

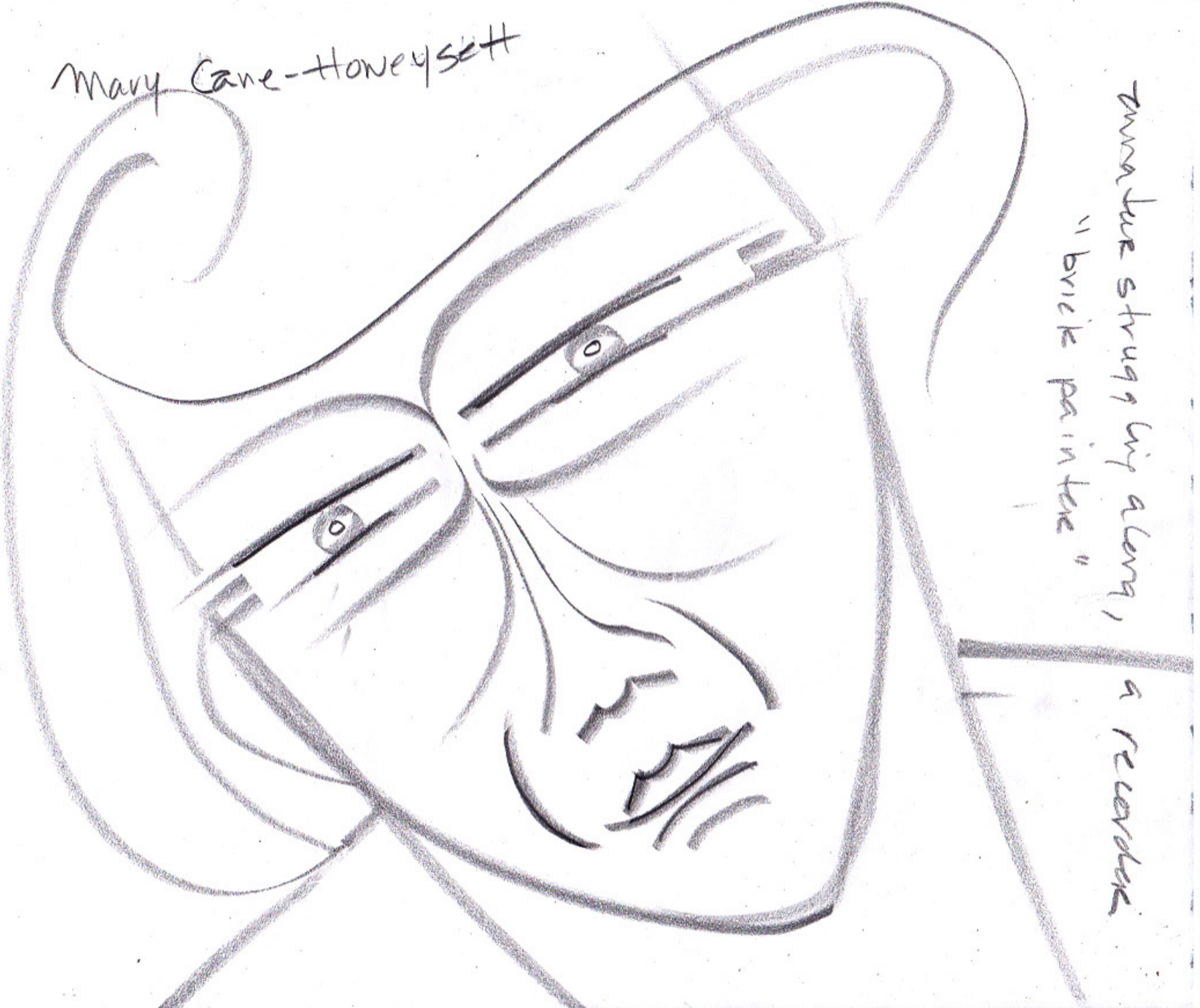
Hampton was never one for self-promotion. Meeting Hampton is a testament to the power of art for art's sake. Despite his modesty, you sense that he finds this latest development in his artistic life a bit of a thrill. "I think anyone who is creative is more likely to live longer. But I'm also interested in philosophy. And memorising poetry. You can't carry a painting around with you, but if you're feeling low you can always recite a Shakespeare sonnet."



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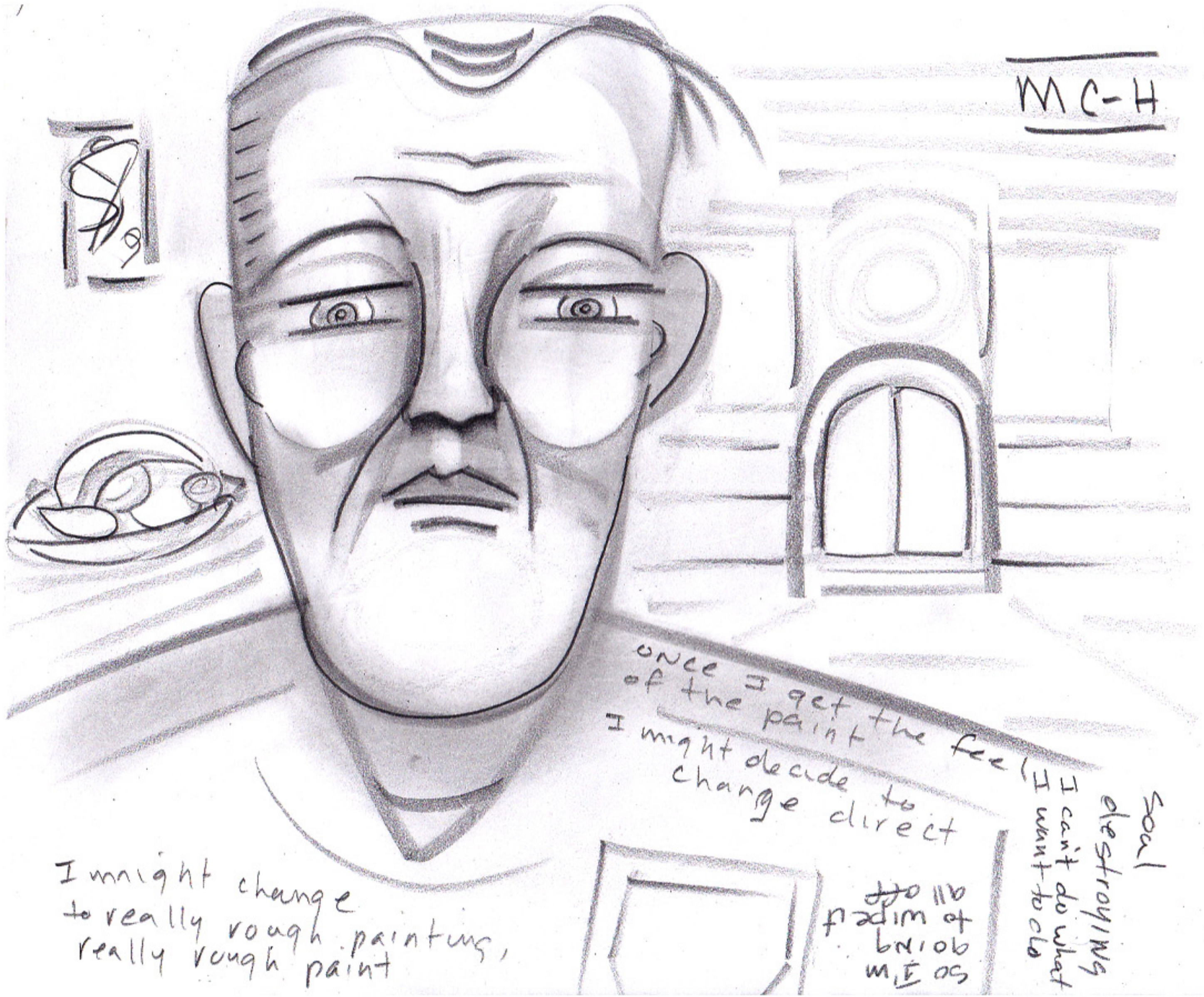
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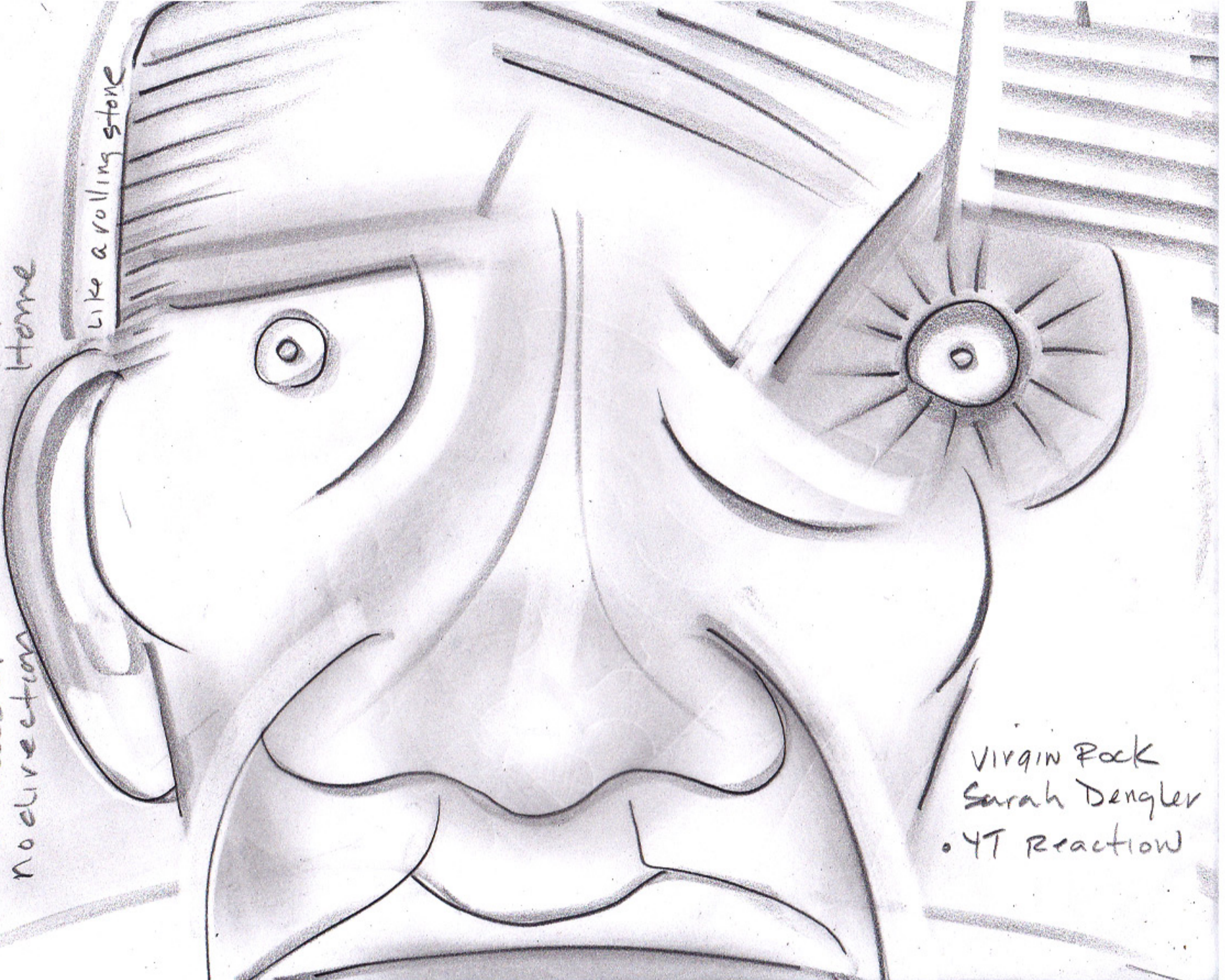
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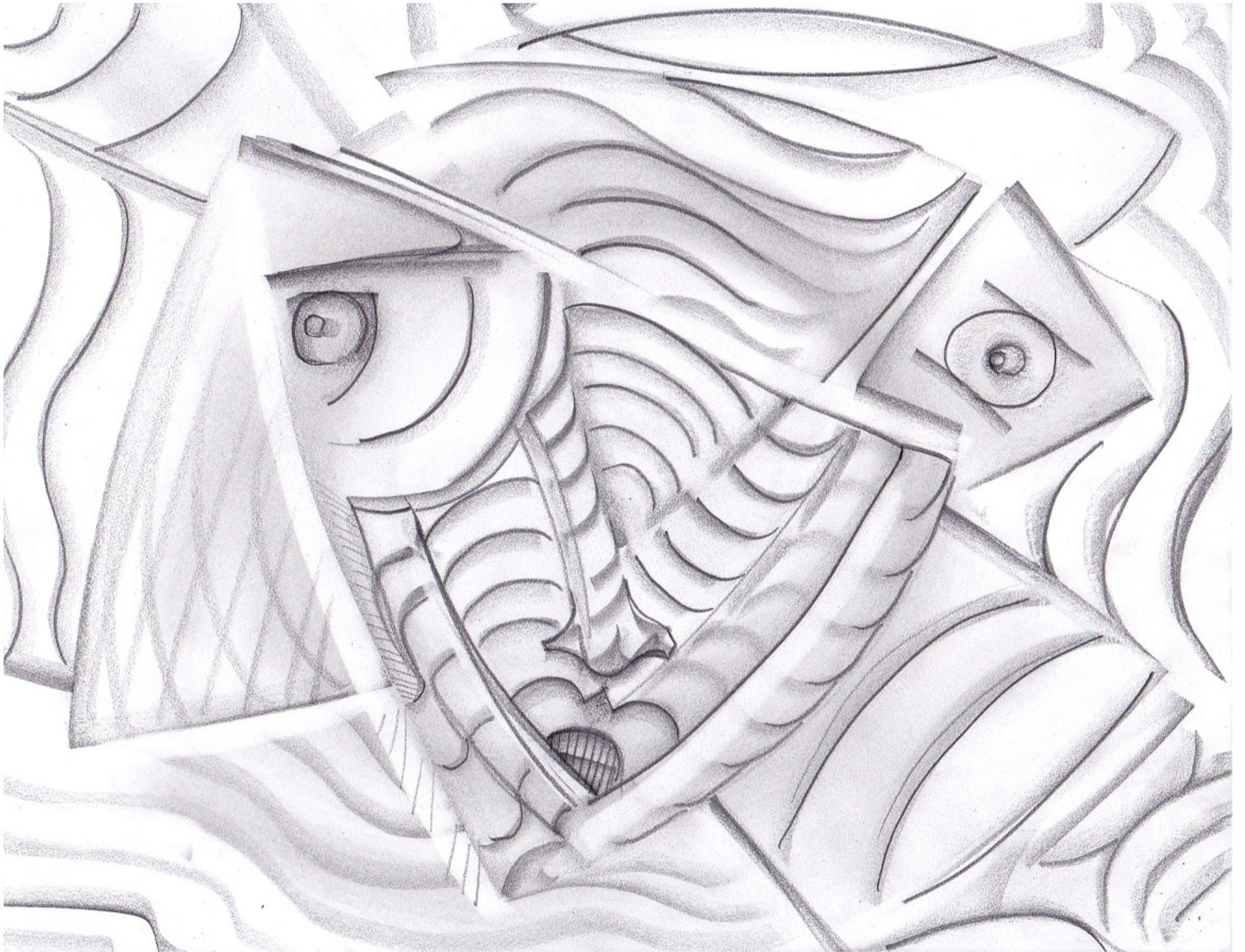


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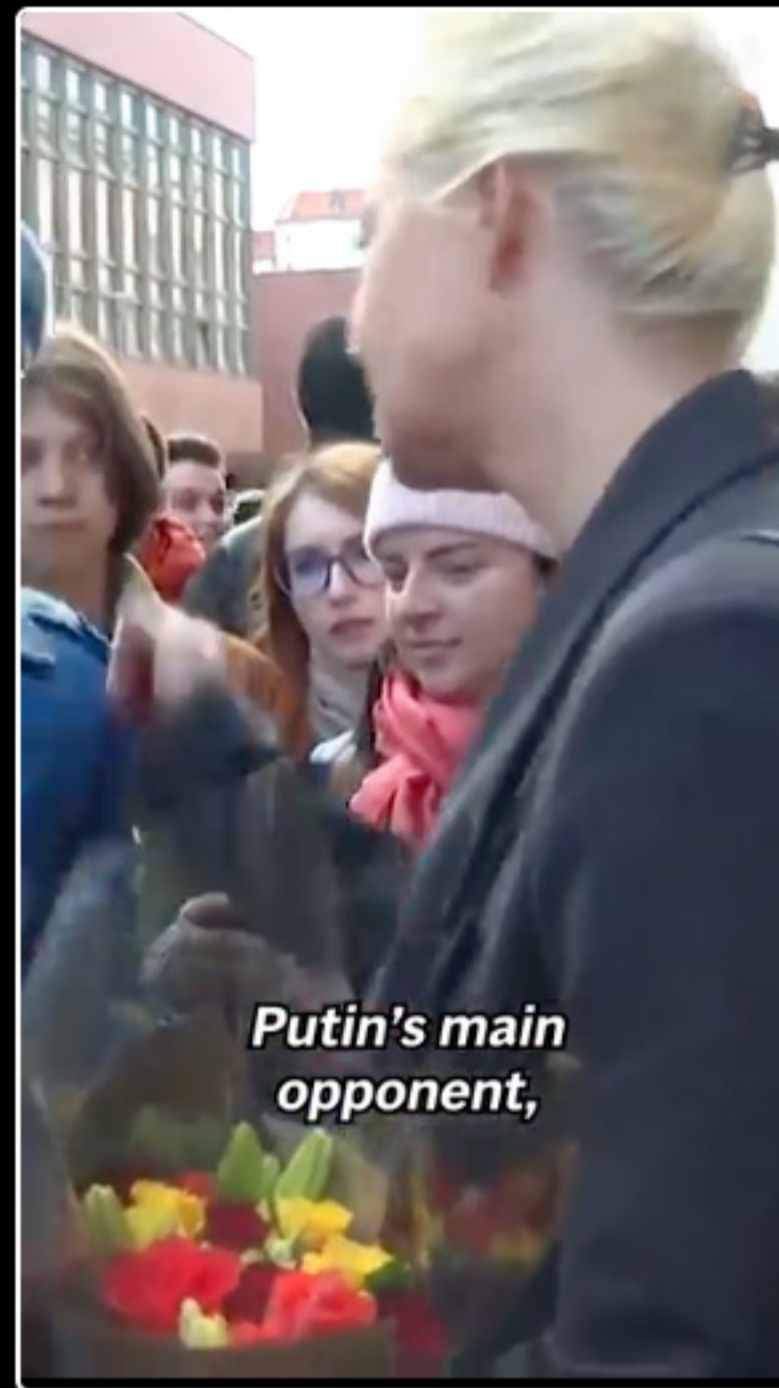
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**Germans thought they were immune to nationalism after confronting their Nazi past. They were wrong**





LAW

**An RBG award ceremony is canceled amid controversy over the recipients**



ELECTIONS

**A pro-Trump attorney is arrested after a hearing over leaking Dominion documents**



LAW

**Trump is unable to post a \$450 million bond in his New York fraud case, his lawyers say**

A nonprofit has canceled the ceremony for an award named after Ruth Bader Ginsburg, after its choice of recipients outraged the late liberal justice's family. This year, the **Opperman Foundation** selected four men, including conservative media titan Rupert Murdoch and billionaire Elon Musk, and Martha Stewart. Ginsburg's family blasted the selection last week, saying the decision is an "affront" to the memory of the late justice and her values.

An attorney facing criminal charges for illegally accessing Michigan voting machines after the 2020 election was arrested Monday after a hearing in a separate case in federal court in Washington, D.C.

**Stefanie Lambert** was arrested by U.S. Marshals after a hearing over possible sanctions against her for disseminating confidential emails from Dominion Voting Systems, the target of conspiracy theories over former President Donald Trump's 2020 election loss. Lambert obtained the Dominion emails by representing Patrick Byrne, a prominent funder of election conspiracy theorists who is being sued by Dominion for defamation.



CULTURE

**A new Banksy mural in north London puts a little greenery in a dense neighborhood**



HEALTH

**The U.S. bans most common form of asbestos, after decades of pushback from industry**

Siblings Alex Yurgenson (left) and River Adams.



MY UNSUNG HERO

**A refugee family was going hungry — until a fast food manager risked his job to help**

In 1991, at the age of 19, **River Adams** and their family came to the United States as Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union. The family received a small amount of support from welfare and food stamps, but it wasn't nearly enough to survive on. Adams remembers most of their meals consisted of macaroni with ketchup, old black bananas and cheap cereal. It wasn't enough to ever feel full. Adams and their sister tried to apply for jobs. But because neither of them spoke much English, it was nearly impossible to find anyone willing to hire them. "We couldn't pass an interview," Adams remembered. "We didn't even understand the simple questions the employers were asking." After months of searching, Adams and their sister were finally hired at Roy Rogers, a fast food chain. The two siblings worked part time, breading chicken and mopping the floors. "The work was hard. But being hungry and surrounded by all this food was harder," Adams said. While their coworkers bought freshly-fried chicken for meal breaks, River and their sister went without. "We couldn't afford any of it," Adams explained. But after a while, their hiring manager, a man named Ed, began to notice the siblings' financial situation. And he found a way to help. "We worked the evening shift. So after we would close and clean the restaurant, Ed would put the leftover fried chicken into a bucket and give it to us to take home to our family. And for the first time in months, the four of us didn't go to sleep hungry, and suddenly we had hope that we would survive," Adams said.

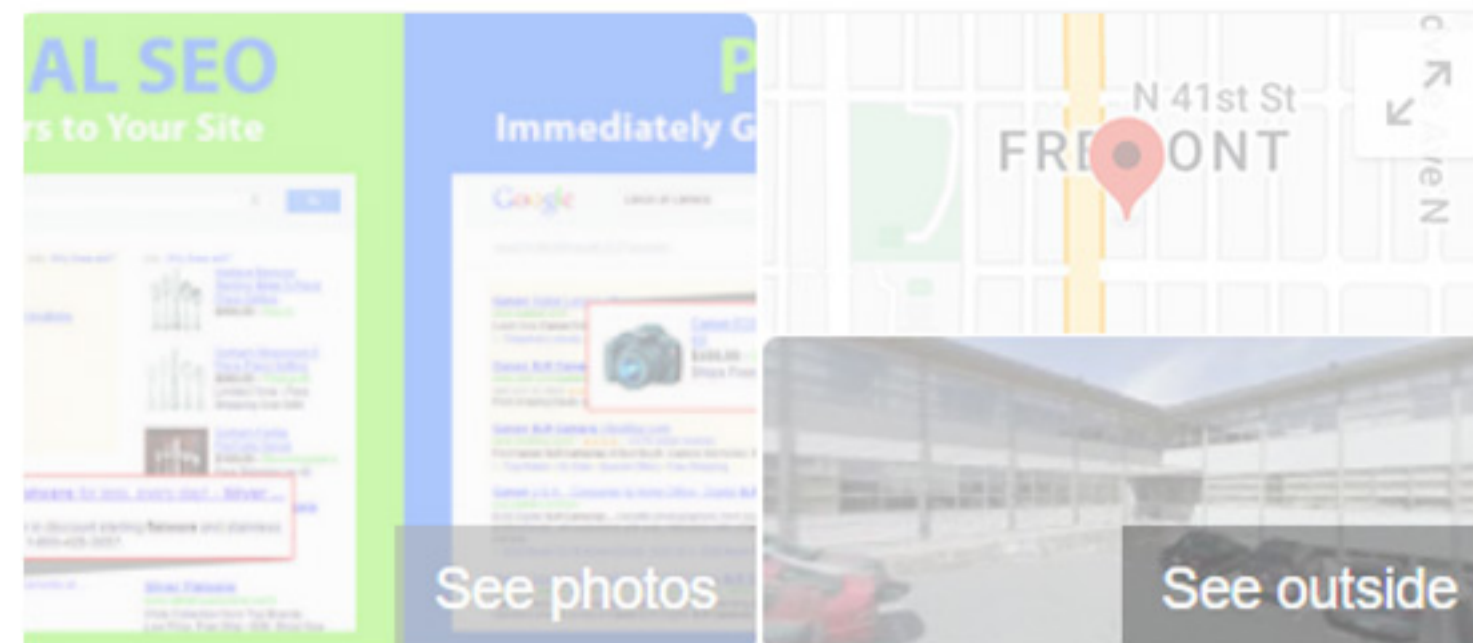




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"**Search Engine Optimist**," reads the t-shirt. I wonder, does he have skills, or is it just wishful thinking? The highlights of my day are finding clean restrooms to evacuate in. What occupies your mind when nothing is occupying your mind? Wages are going down, prices are going up. I'm stuck here in the middle with you. There's a sense of being composed that is paramount. You see it in art, math, you see it in the boardroom, if you see it in the battlefield, it's because of training. Most compositions follow the rules learned in training. It's not the way life actually is. Life in the wild is anything but composed. That's what these thoughts are reflecting. The formation of the information not imposing it's bits one on top of another, not in sequence. Of a piece, but not linear. They come as they do in formation, speaking to the whole without following pre-existing logic. They may appear as non sequiturs, yet add new data to the understanding of everything all at once, as if viewed through one particular pinhole measuring the flow between my inner and outer worlds. The language layered on top of all of that. And you as reader, also, following this sequence letter by letter constructing words, sentences and meaning, all the while the ambient sounds around you, the lights and colors, all else that is meeting your senses and going on simultaneously, one informing the other, the other informing the all. You cherry picking to taste. Hand me that mug, will you? How do you know what this is, how do you have any idea? You tell me. Your guess is good as mine. I'm waiting here for a job. I'm speaking these words into my phone which is typing it out into text. Sometime later, you are reading this text. Though you don't know what specific mug I'm referring to, you have an idea about mug and mugness. You fill in the blank with the mug of your choice. It's good as any, you can fill it with whatever you want. And as you do, it constructs an interior being filled-in in your mind. Something I will never know anything about. The composition is completely in your hands now. Randomize or formulize to suit your needs. If this is a study in free form writing, it's a study in free form reading also. It's a mutually creative act with the option not to act, it's simply is. Much like nature.



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**Diplacus aurantiacus**, the **sticky monkey-flower** or orange bush monkey-flower, is a flowering plant that grows in a subshrub form, native to southwestern North America from southwestern Oregon south through most of California. It is a member of the lopseed family, Phrymaceae. It was formerly known as *Mimulus aurantiacus*.



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Updated: March 20, 2024 by Mark P Jones, Rice University







Chaos on the streets of Port-au-Prince. Guerinault Louis/Anadolu via Getty Images

## Haiti is in crisis, but foreign intervention comes with an ugly past

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Ernesto Sagás, Colorado State University

Haiti is fast becoming a failed state.

Armed gangs control most of the capital, Port-au-Prince, and have forced the shutdown of the capital's international airport and gasoline refinery. Most businesses are closed or are being extorted by the gangs.

Ordinary Haitians fear for their safety without the umbrella of law and order that only the government can provide. But there is not much government left: Elections have not been held since 2016; the last president, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated in 2021; and the current prime minister and acting president, Ariel Henry, is stuck in Puerto Rico, unable to fly back to Haiti.

It is increasingly becoming clear that Haiti has neither the means nor the ability to pull itself out of this quagmire on its own, raising the prospect of – and calls for – foreign intervention. So far, to that end, Kenya has offered 1,000 armed policemen; other countries may chip in. The United States and Europe have pledged millions of dollars in aid.

But can a multinational security mission provide Haiti with a way out of its current crisis? My experience studying authoritarianism and democratization in Latin America and the Caribbean tells me that international intervention will only take care of Haiti's immediate security crisis – but it does not guarantee any long-term solutions to Haiti's challenges. Moreover, history shows that in the case of Haiti, a multinational security mission may create problems of its own.

The fear is that now an international community distracted by crises elsewhere, such as wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, may soon lose interest in Haiti's plight.

NATIONAL

## California voters pass Proposition 1 to tackle the state's homelessness crisis

Counties must spend about two-thirds of the money from a 2004 tax enacted for mental health services on housing and programs for homeless people with serious mental illnesses or substance abuse problems.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California voters have approved a measure that will impose strict requirements on counties to spend on housing and drug treatment programs to tackle the state's homelessness crisis, in a tissue-thin win for Gov. Gavin Newsom, who personally campaigned for the measure's passage. Democrats outnumber Republicans by a staggering 2-to-1 in California, and the borderline vote — coming more than two weeks after election day — signaled unease with the state's homeless policies after Newsom's administration invested billions of dollars to get people off the street but no dramatic change has been seen in Los Angeles and other large cities. The state accounts for nearly a third of the homeless population in the United States; roughly 181,000 Californians are in need of housing. Newsom's administration has already spent at least \$22 billion on various programs to address the crisis, including \$3.5 billion to convert run-down motels into homeless housing. California is also giving out \$2 billion in grants to build more treatment facilities.



Damian Dovarganes/AP



For the first time, media titan Rupert Murdoch was accused in court of personally knowing about phone hacking and other illegal acts by his British tabloids stretching back nearly two decades, far earlier than he admitted, and giving "knowingly false" evidence under oath in an official inquiry. In addition, lawyers for Britain's Prince Harry, the actor Hugh Grant and other prominent figures accused The Washington Post's new publisher and chief executive, Will Lewis, of actively plotting to cover up senior executives' role in the scandal when he worked for the Murdoch publishing empire in London, now called News UK. NPR previously reported on these allegations against Lewis, but Wednesday's presentation fleshed them out with damning detail. The accusations threaten to tether the two men together at a time when Lewis is seeking to push forward in his new role at the Post. Lewis and the Post declined comment through a newspaper spokesperson. The accusations arose during an effort by litigants to amend their phone-hacking lawsuit against Murdoch's British newspaper arm. If successful, the case would lodge broader and deeper charges that place Murdoch, Lewis and News UK chief Rebekah Brooks, among other executives, at center stage. Harry and the others are suing over a variety of forms of invasion of privacy, which include phone hacking, computer hacking, and payments to acquire confidential personal information.



Rupert Murdoch with Will Lewis, July 2011

**Rupert Murdoch and the new 'Washington Post' CEO are accused of a cover-up in a hacking scandal**

“The presence of widespread labor abuses and environmental destruction in the Indian shrimp sector is undeniable,” said Allie Brudney, a CAL senior staff attorney. “U.S. restaurants and grocery stores need to purge these unethical practices from their supply chains.”

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Noriko Kuwabara was excited to try a new recipe she’d seen on social media for crispy shrimp spring rolls, so she and her husband headed to Costco’s frozen foods aisle. But when she grabbed a bag of farm-raised shrimp from the freezer and saw “Product of India,” she wrinkled her nose. **“I actually try to avoid shrimp from India,”** said Kuwabara, an artist. “I hear some bad things about how it’s grown there.” She sighed and tossed the bag in her cart anyway.

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas lawmakers are joining fellow Republicans in other states in trying to restrict **diversity, equity and inclusion** initiatives on university campuses, but they’ve drafted their proposals to avoid having to agree on how to define DEI. The Kansas House planned to vote Thursday on a bill aimed at preventing universities, community colleges or technical colleges from basing a student’s admission or an employee’s hiring or promotion on any statement or pledge about diversity, equity or inclusion. While the bill includes those words, it also says universities cannot require a statement about “any political ideology or movement.”



Their hands raw and frostbitten, Indian women pack into warehouses for 10-hour shifts peeling endless piles of dirty shrimp submerged in crushed ice for as little as \$3 a day. They suffer deplorable conditions that watchdogs say constitutes labor abuse.



**Taps have run dry across South Africa’s largest city in an unprecedented water crisis**



**Escaped white supremacist inmate and his accomplice are still at large after Idaho hospital ambush**



**Homelessness and affordable-housing shortage spark resurgence of ‘micro-apartments’**



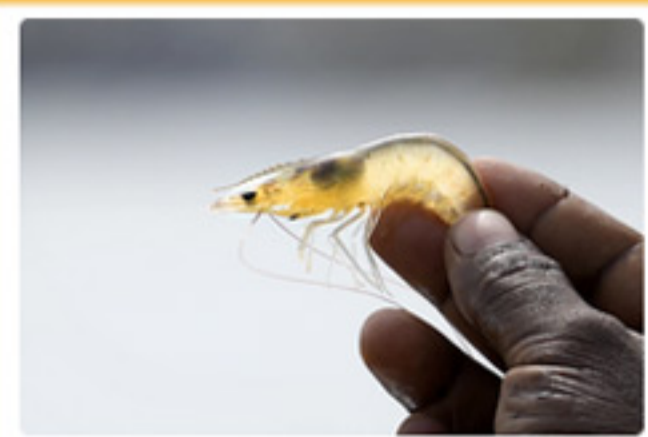
**One Tech Tip: How to spot AI-generated deepfake images**



**They may not agree on how to define DEI, but that’s no problem for Kansas lawmakers attacking it**



**Why Israel is so determined to launch an offensive in Rafah**



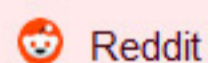
**Wearing filthy, torn gloves, women in India endure grueling 10-hour shifts peeling shrimp**



**Sabine Karin Doris Hossenfelder** (born 18 September 1976) is a German theoretical physicist, philosopher of science, author, science communicator, professional YouTuber, musician, and singer. She is the author of *Lost in Math: How Beauty Leads Physics Astray*, which explores the concept of elegance in fundamental physics and cosmology, and of *Existential Physics: A Scientist's Guide to Life's Biggest Questions*. Hossenfelder was born in Frankfurt am Main, West Germany, on 18 September 1976.[2][3] She received an undergraduate degree in Mathematics in 1997 from the Goethe University Frankfurt.[4] In 2004, she completed a doctorate in theoretical physics from the same institution with a thesis titled *Schwarze Löcher in Extra-Dimensionen: Eigenschaften und Nachweis*. Hossenfelder remained in Germany until 2004 as a postdoctoral researcher at the GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research in Darmstadt.[4] She was subsequently employed as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Arizona, Tucson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and later at the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo, Canada. In 2009, she became an assistant professor at the Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics in Sweden.[5] Between 2015 and 2023, she was employed at the Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies,[citation needed] followed by a post at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich's Center for Mathematical Philosophy.

**Public engagement and scientific outreach:** **Hossenfelder is a popular science writer** who has written books, and written a blog since 2006.[7] The blog is called *Backreaction* and it is run by both Hossenfelder and her husband Stefan Scherer who is also a physicist.[8] She contributes to the *Forbes* column "Starts with a Bang"[9] and to *The Guardian*[10][11] as well as *Quanta Magazine*,[12] *New Scientist*,[13] *Nature Physics*,[14] *Scientific American*,[15] *Nautilus Quarterly*[16] and *Physics Today*. Her 2018 book, *Lost in Math*, was also published in German with the title *Das hässliche Universum* (*The Ugly Universe*). Hossenfelder posits that the universe (and its particle model) is messy, and that it cannot be described by a mathematically beautiful Grand Unified Theory.

Hossenfelder currently runs two eponymous YouTube channels (one subtitled "Science without the gobbledygook"),[19] another named "Sabine Hossenfelder [Music Videos]" for music videos she makes. In August 2022, Hossenfelder released a book titled *Existential Physics: A Scientist's Guide to Life's Biggest Questions*, published by Viking Press. In January 2023, Hossenfelder started her association with Big Think YouTube channel. Her first video published on the channel was a lecture named 'Do humans have souls?'. Hossenfelder married physicist Stefan Scherer [d] in 2006. They have twin daughters born in December 2010



Reddit

Is Sabine Hossenfelder just a terrible educator? - Reddit

Her crusade against particle physics is pathetic. Listening to her arguments, it...

Aug 2, 2023

Szesan@ r/AskPhysics: Is **Sabine Hossenfelder** just a **terrible educator**? So I've just watched her video on measurement independence ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpkgPJo\\_z6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpkgPJo_z6Y)) and I felt super dumb for not understanding what she is on about. Running a quick search on the term "measurement independence" floods you with videos from her, but I spotted one from PBS sandwiched between her content. I watched this one from PBS Space Time (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnKzt6Xq-w4>) and suddenly it all made sense even for me. It's actually not a hard concept to grasp once it's explained properly. I got the feeling that clarity and effective education is sacrificed in her videos for her to look more edgy and smarter than everyone else in the field. Is it just me, or is it really harder to follow her than other educational presenters?

>> *Can you imagine a world without you in it?*



*"Research shows that mainstream news organizations have struggled to accurately and fairly portray protests that challenge the political and societal status quo (Gamson and Wolfsfeld 1993; Gitlin 1980),"*  
Danielle K. Brown, Indiana University

PROJECT PROTEST: life without the news.

# Unraveling the Protest Paradigm

APRIL 30, 2021

By DANIELLE K. BROWN

Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."  
Martin Luther King Jr., "Be the peace you wish to see in the world."

{Funny that, isn't it? Both assassinated social protest leaders, generations and a world apart, accredited with the same sentiment >

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<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/62751-be-the-peace-you-wish-to-see-in-the-world>}

**Candy-ass!** That's the word we had for it when we were kids in the 1950-60s. As in, "Y'all silent bigots are candy-asses." Meaning cowards. A disgrace. And not in a good way. In today's world I'd reserve it for people who refuse to speak truth to power, too afraid to shake up the status quo, even though they know better. Main stream media as a whole falls into this candy jar. News coverage is fundamental to a protest's viability, but research suggests media negatively portray protests and protesters that challenge the status quo (a pattern known as the 'protest paradigm'). Technological, political, economic, and societal changes are factors behind the global increase in protest activity since the 1980s, and digital technologies have created new venues to increase a protest's visibility and extend protesters' reach in shaking up the mainstream media's death grip on the protest paradigm. At the exponentially increasing speed the Information Age is accelerating, soon there will be no place for your candy-ass to hide. Bare witness. In the open sanitizing sunshine, at minimum to be a citizen, it's required you bare witness. How you spin the facts you know will align you with one of two camps: Truth or Politics. Only the truth you live and die alone with will allow you to be the change and rest in peace.

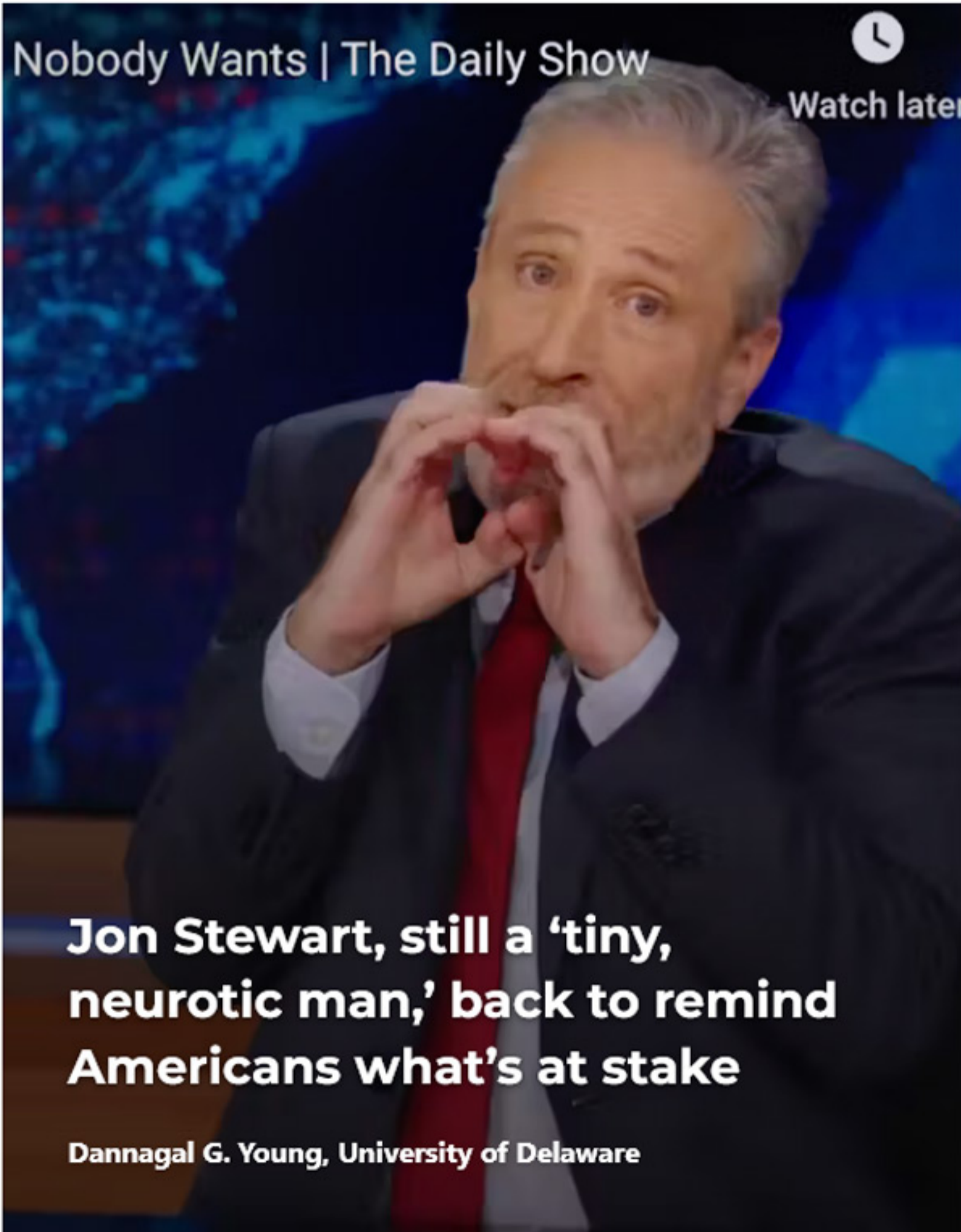
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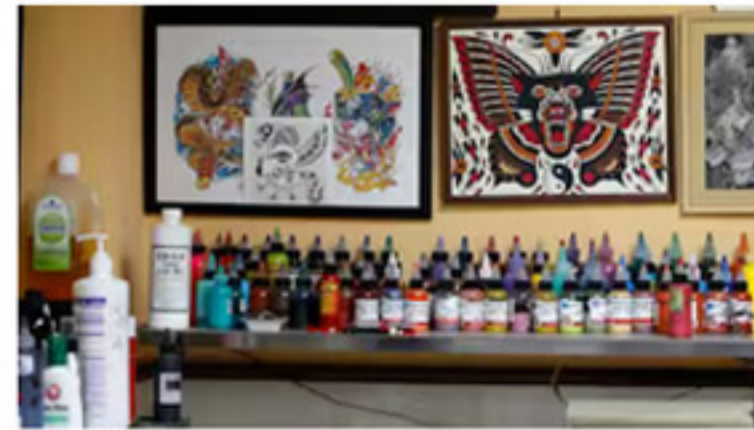
Protesters gather on June 1, 2020, at a memorial for George Floyd in Minneapolis. AP Photo/John Minchillo

In 2003, maybe **John Stewart** could call himself “a tiny, neurotic man, standing in the back of the room throwing tomatoes at the chalkboard.” But today, with his return on Monday nights to host “The Daily Show,” he is part of the school administration trying to keep the lights on and the students learning.



More than half the **tattoo inks** my research team analyzed contained unlisted polyethylene glycol, also known as PEG. It can cause allergic reactions, skin rash, itching and blistering, however, and in the case of tattooing, research has suggested that repeated exposure to PEG could lead to kidney failure.

**TikTok** describes these features as giving users “the most creative tools available” . . . in political tiktoks, people often used the TikTok tools to double down on their political positions and attack those who don't agree with them.



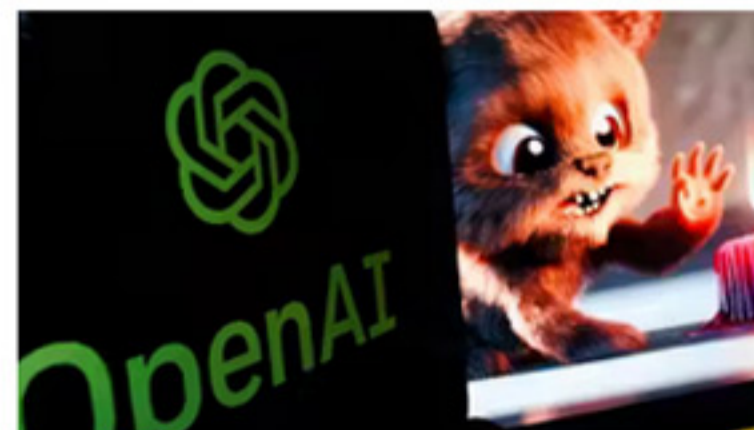
**What's in tattoo ink? My team's chemical analysis found ingredients that aren't on the label and could cause allergies**

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**EPA's new auto emissions standard will speed the transition to cleaner cars, while also addressing consumer and industry concerns**

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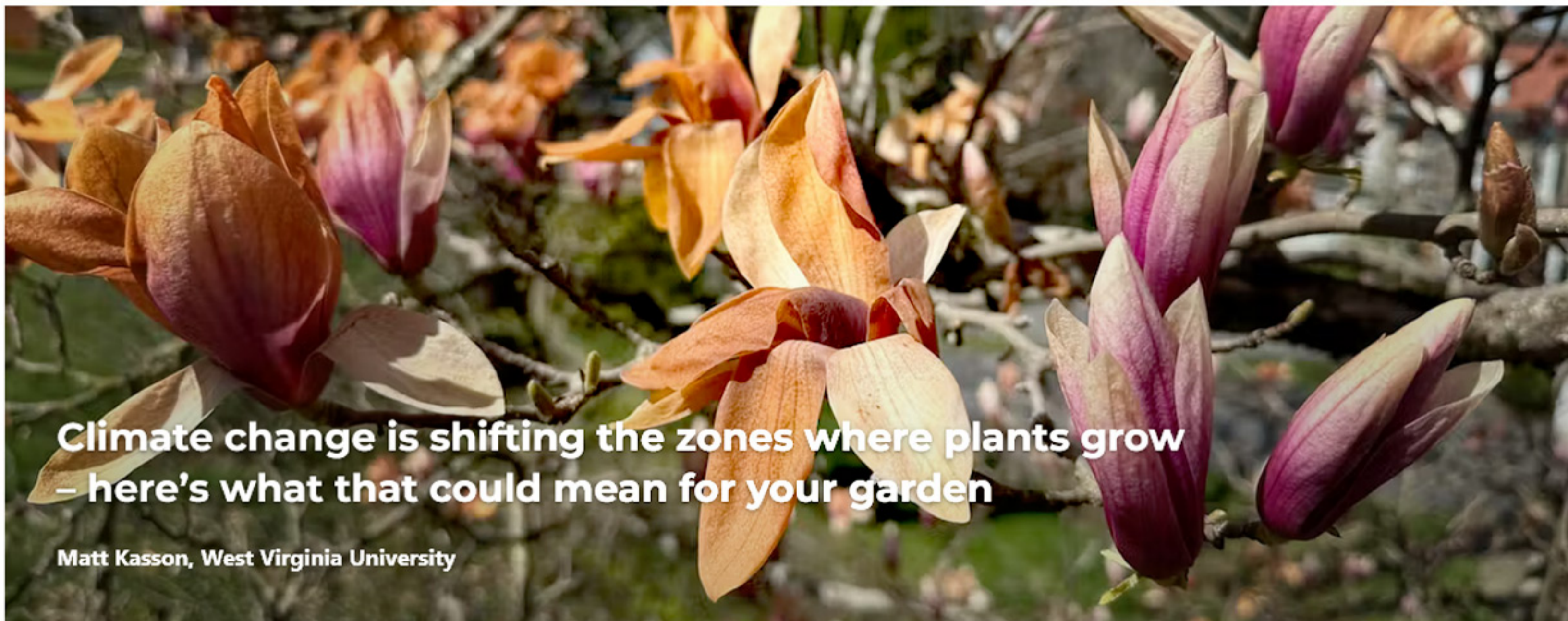
**Generative AI could leave users holding the bag for copyright violations**

Anjana Susarla, Michigan State University



**TikTok's duet, green screen and stitch turn political point-scoring into an art form**

Jessica Maddox, University of Alabama



## Climate change is shifting the zones where plants grow – here's what that could mean for your garden

Matt Kasson, West Virginia University

With the arrival of spring in North America, many people are gravitating to the gardening and landscaping section of home improvement stores, where displays are overstocked with eye-catching seed packs and benches are filled with potted annuals and perennials. But some plants that once thrived in your yard may not flourish there now. To understand why, look to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent update of its plant hardiness zone map, which has long helped gardeners and growers figure out which plants are most likely to thrive in a given location. Comparing the 2023 map to the previous version from 2012 clearly shows that as climate change warms the Earth, plant hardiness zones are shifting northward. On average, the coldest days of winter in our current climate, based on temperature records from 1991 through 2020, are 5 degrees Fahrenheit (2.8 Celsius) warmer than they were between 1976 and 2005. In some areas, including the central Appalachians, northern New England and north central Idaho, winter temperatures have warmed by 1.5 hardiness zones – 15 degrees F (8.3 C) – over the same 30-year window. This warming changes the zones in which plants, whether annual or perennial, will ultimately succeed in a climate on the move. As a plant pathologist, I have devoted my career to understanding and addressing plant health issues. Many stresses not only shorten the lives of plants, but also affect their growth and productivity. I am also a gardener who has seen firsthand how warming temperatures, pests and disease affect my annual harvest. By understanding climate change impacts on plant communities, you can help your garden reach its full potential in a warming world.


Plants aren't the only organisms constrained by temperature. With milder winters, southern insect pests and plant pathogens are expanding their ranges northward. One example is Southern blight, a stem and root rot disease that affects 500 plant species and is caused by a fungus, *Agroathelia rolfsii*. It's often thought of as affecting hot Southern gardens, but has become more commonplace recently in the Northeast U.S. on tomatoes, pumpkins and squash, and other crops, including apples in Pennsylvania. Other plant pathogens may take advantage of milder winter temperatures, which leads to prolonged saturation of soils instead of freezing. Both plants and microbes are less active when soil is frozen, but in wet soil, microbes have an opportunity to colonize dormant perennial plant roots, leading to more disease. It can be challenging to accept that climate change is stressing some of your garden favorites, but there are thousands of varieties of plants to suit both your interests and your hardiness zone. Growing plants is an opportunity to admire their flexibility and the features that enable many of them to thrive in a world of change.



# Oklahoma prosecutors will not press charges in Nex Benedict case

Nex, a nonbinary teen, died by suicide after a high school fight. The Tulsa County District Attorney says the fight was mutual and there's not enough evidence to press charges.

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 Emma Bowman



## The ultimate green burial? Human composting lets you replenish the earth after death

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By April Dembosky



At Recompose in Seattle, families can hold a funeral ceremony known as a laying-in before the body is prepared for human composting.

When Dennis Cunningham was diagnosed with terminal cancer, he wanted his death to reflect the values he lived by. As a civil rights lawyer, Cunningham defended the Black Panthers, AIDS protestors, and later, environmental activists from Earth First. "He was a profound environmentalist," his son, Joe Mellis, said. In his spare time, Cunningham built sculptures out of driftwood, bottle caps, and rusted car parts in his backyard studio in San Francisco. He wanted his body to be part of that same cycle of decay and regeneration. He instructed his kids to have him composted after he died. "It was totally in keeping with who he was to not make waste, but to use waste," said Cunningham's daughter, Miranda Mellis. To Cunningham, being turned into soil and spread on the forest floor to fertilize new trees was much more appealing than being burned to ash or entombed in a concrete vault underground. A growing number of Americans are likewise eager to see more environmentally friendly alternatives to conventional burial and cremation. Human composting is the latest option. But not everywhere, or even in most states. When Cunningham died on March 5, 2022, at his son's house in Los Angeles, it wasn't an option there. "It's literally illegal to compost a body in the state of California," said his son Joe Mellis. "We had to transport his body from California to Washington to do this." Seven states have legalized human composting to date, including Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, Vermont, and New York. It took California lawmakers three tries to pass a law to do the same, but it won't take effect until 2027.

Opposition has mainly come from religious institutions that consider human composting "undignified," and which highlight the scarcity of research proving the practice is safe and environmentally beneficial. Lawmakers have championed the legislation, nonetheless, arguing that a natural process of decomposition is inherently better than burning fossil fuels for cremation, harvesting rainforest mahogany to make coffins, or spraying pesticides across cemetery lawns.

**A new kind of funerary business:** Cunningham ended up at Recompose, a human composting facility in Seattle. Founder and CEO Katrina Spade said about 15% of their clients are shipped from California and another 14% from other states. "We pick them up at Sea-Tac," she said, referring to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Walking into the lobby of Recompose feels like walking into a spa. Meditation music whispers from hidden speakers. Living art tapestries decorate the walls; earthy green and yellow shades cover the windows. "When the light comes through, we hope it reminds you of the forest light," Spade said, while walking through the Gathering Space, a ceremonial room where families can hold services and rituals for their loved ones.

**The science of human composting:** The composting itself happens in a cavernous warehouse that Spade calls the greenhouse. She describes the smell as alternating between that of a grassy meadow after a rain and a barnyard. Inside the warehouse, 34 white hexagonal cylinders, or individual vessels, are stacked on top of each other, forming the shape of a beehive. When a new body comes in, the staff lay it inside one of the vessels on a bed of wood chips, alfalfa, and straw, Spade said, then they cover it with more of the same. "If you were alive, it would probably be a little itchy," Spade said. Microbes and bacteria go to work on the body, a natural process that generates heat, raising the temperature inside the vessel to 150 degrees Fahrenheit. Under Washington state regulations, this natural heat has to be sustained for three straight days to kill off any pathogens that otherwise might contaminate the soil. "Seven or eight years I've been doing this, and still, when I see that temperature spike, I think, 'Holy mackerel!'" Spade said, channeling her inner 8th-grade science fair nerd. "It just feels like some sort of miracle, even though it is nature." The body stays in the vessel for about 30 to 40 days. Every week or so, the staff rotate it to let air through and the body transforms and consolidates into a cubic yard of dark brown dirt, enough to fill the bed of a pickup truck. The staff removes any titanium hips or knees left over in the process, then grinds the bones down to sand and mixes them back in with the soil. The entire process takes about two months and costs about \$7,000 — more than the cost of cremation, but less than a full service conventional burial with cemetery plot, according to data collected by Funeralocity, a consumer website. Environmentally, Spade argues, composting is way better than both, because of all the resources it does not use by comparison, such as fossil fuels, rainforest wood, or land. When she asked environmental engineer Troy Hottle to crunch the numbers, he found composting saves more than a metric ton of carbon compared to the alternatives. Another study by Dutch re-

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## Biden cancels nearly \$6 billion in student debt for public service workers

Because of past administrative failures, the some 78,000 affected public service workers such as nurses and teachers never got the relief they were entitled to under the law, Biden said.

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By C Mandler, Deepa Shivaram



Activists and students protest in front of the Supreme Court during a rally for student debt cancellation in Washington, D.C., in February 2023.

*Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AFP via Getty Images*

Nearly 80,000 public service workers — **including teachers, nurses and firefighters** — will have roughly \$6 billion in student loans forgiven Thursday, according to a statement from the Biden administration. "These public service workers have dedicated their careers to serving their communities, but because of past administrative failures, never got the relief they were entitled to under the law," the statement said. "Because of the fixes my Administration has made, we have now cancelled student debt for over 870,000 public service workers — compared to only about 7,000 public service borrowers ever receiving forgiveness prior to my Administration."

The 78,000 borrowers who are eligible for this forgiveness will receive an email from the president next week, the White House said. Thousands of others in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program will also be notified via email if they are within two years of having their debt forgiven. The announcement from the administration is one of several that Biden has made in recent months to lower or cancel student debt. It comes as the president is traveling the country and selling his economic track record and ongoing message to voters on lowering costs.

"From day one of my Administration, I promised to fix broken student loan programs and make sure higher education is a ticket to the middle class, not a barrier to opportunity," said Biden. "I won't back down from using every tool at my disposal to deliver student debt relief to more Americans, and build an economy from the middle out and bottom up."

● **Middle East crisis live**

# Middle East crisis live: US call for Gaza ceasefire vetoed at UN; Israel to go into Rafah with or without US support, Netanyahu says

**Russia and China veto draft resolution; Israeli PM says he hopes for US support, but will go into Rafah without it**

**Amy Sedghi (now) and Emily Dugan (earlier)**

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The U.S. draft expressed “deep concern about the threat of conflict-induced famine and epidemics presently facing the civilian population in Gaza as well as the number of undernourished people, and also that hunger in Gaza has reached catastrophic levels.”

It emphasized “the urgent need to expand the flow of humanitarian assistance to civilians in the entire Gaza Strip” and lift all barriers to getting aid to civilians “at scale.”

Israel faces mounting pressure from even its closest allies to streamline the entry of aid into the Gaza Strip and to open more land crossings, and come to a cease-fire agreement. But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to move the military offensive to the southern city of Rafah, where some 1.3 million displaced Palestinians have sought safety. Netanyahu says it’s a Hamas stronghold.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia and China on Friday vetoed a U.S.-sponsored U.N. resolution calling for “an immediate and sustained cease-fire” in the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza to protect civilians and enable humanitarian aid to be delivered to more than 2 million hungry Palestinians. The vote in the 15-member Security Council was 11 members in favor, three against and one abstention. Before the vote, Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said Moscow supports an immediate cease-fire, but he questioned the language in the resolution and accused U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield of “misleading the international community” for “politicized” reasons.

The resolution declared that a cease-fire is “imperative.”



📷 Children play among damaged buildings around the rubble of a mosque destroyed in an Israeli attack on Rafah. Photograph: Anadolu/Getty Images

**Realpolitiks at work:** Former President Donald Trump offered an olive branch to Anheuser-Busch on Tuesday, issuing a post on his social media platform calling on conservatives to drop their opposition to the besieged beer company for their Bud Light's marketing promotion last year with transgender TikTok star Dylan Mulvaney. Sales of Bud Light plunged 20% in 2023. "The Bud Light ad was a mistake of epic proportions, and for that a very big price was paid, but Anheuser-Busch is not a Woke company," Trump wrote. "Anheuser-Busch is a Great American Brand that perhaps deserves a Second Chance? What do you think? Perhaps, instead, we should be going after those companies that are looking to DESTROY AMERICA!" Top Republican lobbyist Jeff Miller for the Anheuser-Busch is set to host a fundraiser for Donald Trump with some tickets going at \$10,000 each, reports Hailey Fuchs for Politico on 02/06/2024. Anheuser-Busch paid \$260,000 to Miller's firm in 2023, according to lobbying disclosure filings. Trump, who was notably silent on the Bud Light boycott, owns up to \$5 million in Anheuser-Busch stock.

{Trump, on eve of fundraiser with Anheuser-Busch lobbyist, defends company. > <https://www.politico.com/news/2024/02/06/donald-trump-bud-light-fundraiser-00140009>}



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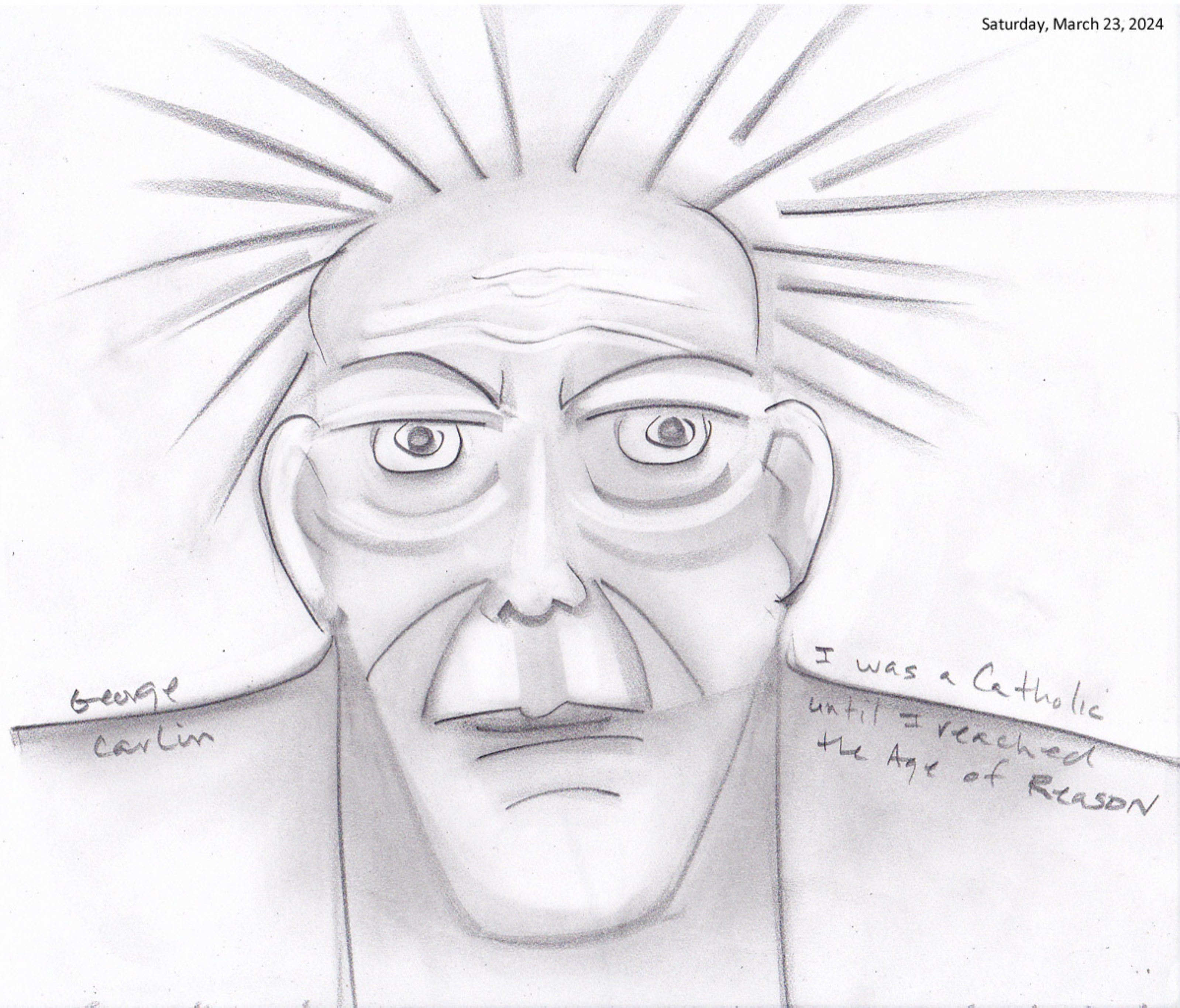
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## Israeli settlers step up attacks on Palestinian farms, expanding West Bank outposts

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Eleanor Beardsley



Nadav Weiman, deputy director of Breaking the Silence, walks through the abandoned Palestinian village of Zanuta in the occupied West Bank on Feb. 19.

Tamir Kalifa for NPR

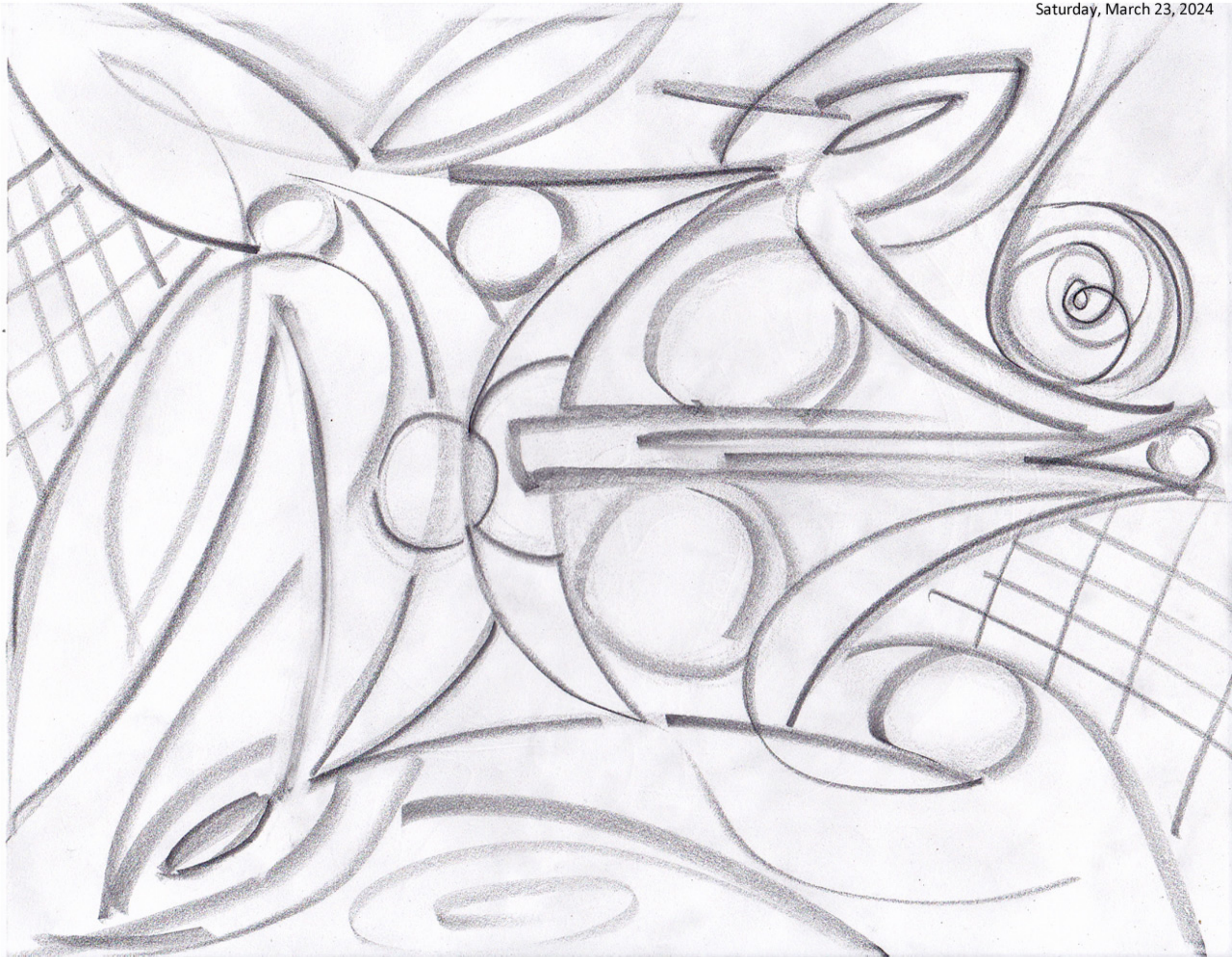
ZANUTA, West Bank — Nadav Weiman pulls up in an SUV to the small Palestinian shepherding community of Zanuta, high in the West Bank's South Hebron Hills. The small grouping of stone houses and newly built school was once home to 250 people and thousands of sheep. The community now lies abandoned. The villagers fled at the end of November, chased away by violent Israeli settlers living in outposts that Israel hasn't authorized, according to groups documenting violence in the West Bank. Weiman was an Israeli special forces soldier between 2005 and 2008 and served all over the West Bank. Today he's deputy director of Breaking the Silence, an organization of Israeli army veterans that advocates to end Israel's military occupation of the territory. About 700,000 Israeli settlers live in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, according to the United Nations' human rights office. Israel has promoted the settlements, which much of the international community condemns as a violation of international law. But settlers are trying to expand those settlements by building a network of smaller outposts, without Israeli government approval, and eating into more Palestinian land. The U.N. human rights office says there are now more than 160 unauthorized outposts in the region. Violent settlers and unauthorized outposts are a growing source of tension between Israel and the United States.

**Weiman says settlers have stepped up attacks on Palestinian communities while the world's attention has been focused on the war in Gaza triggered by the Hamas-led Oct. 7 attack in Israel. "Since Oct. 7, 16 Palestinian communities of shepherders have fled," he says. "Sixteen! That's a number I never thought I would say."**

The U.N. humanitarian affairs office has recorded 650 attacks by Israeli settlers against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank since Oct. 7, harming residents and property. It says settlers have killed at least nine Palestinians in the territory and Israeli security forces have killed more than 400 Palestinians in that time.

**School bulldozed:** Weiman often stops by to check on Zanuta because he says the villagers are hoping to return after the war. But during this visit, something seems different. "Whoa, whoa, whoa, film this!" he says, stunned by what he sees when driving up to the village's school: A noisy flock of sheep is grazing inside the fenced schoolyard. Weiman yells out in Hebrew to a woman tending to the sheep, asking whom the livestock belong to. She doesn't answer him and quickly gets on her phone. The school has been bulldozed by settlers since Weiman last visited. Desks and chairs lie among the rubble while children's drawings are still taped to its crumbling walls. Weiman says the settlers are trying to make sure the Palestinians don't come back. "Why demolish the school? I'll tell you why," he says. "Because you want families to feel they are not safe here. With no school, the kids cannot return. And if you don't have kids, you don't have life. It's not just about stealing livestock. It's about destroying the sense of being safe, of living, of going to school." Weiman says one settler is responsible for this village fleeing: Yinon Levi. He owns a bulldozer and lives in an outpost unauthorized by Israel that's visible on a neighboring hillside. Weiman says the outposts are sprouting up all over the South Hebron Hills, with at least seven new ones since Oct. 7. He says the settlers who live in them are more extremist.

**Sanctions on settlers and outposts:** Levi is on the list of several settlers recently sanctioned by the Biden administration. "Levi led a group of settlers who engaged in actions creating an atmosphere of fear in the West Bank," the State Department said in a Feb. 1 fact sheet about the new sanctions. It said he led assaults on Palestinian and Bedouin civilians and threatened more violence if they didn't leave their property. The United Kingdom and France have also recently slapped sanctions on Israeli settlers committing violence against Palestinians in the West Bank, and the European Union is set to follow suit. And this month, in addition to sanctioning individual settlers, the U.S. escalated further by imposing sanctions on two settlement outposts. "These West Bank outposts are owned or controlled by designated individuals, have acted as a base from which to launch violent acts, and are illegal even under Israeli law," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said last week. The latest sanctions could also make it harder to support or do business with these outposts, as Israeli news outlets have reported. But there's a debate over whether sanctions can actually help control these settlers, who Weiman says are protected by the Israeli army and supported by its military occupation policies in the territory. Weiman says settlers are acting with impunity, supported by Israel's most right-wing government ever. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is able to hold on to power thanks to the support of some small extremist parties in his coalition. Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, the far-right leader of the Religious Zionist Party, has called international efforts to rein in Israeli settlements the result of an "antisemitic lie spread by Israel's enemies with the aim of discrediting the pioneer settlers." Just last month, Smotrich — himself a prominent settler — announced Israel would build 3,300 new settlement homes in the West Bank. His announcement came after a Palestinian gunman killed two Israelis at a West Bank checkpoint. Weiman says Israel responds to Palestinian violence by building more settlements, which in turn makes the idea of creating a Palestinian state alongside Israel more and more remote. "Each square meter of land we take from Palestinians will never go back to them," he says. "It's a zero-sum game." As Weiman and NPR's reporting team leave Zanuta, the drive winds through rocky hillsides covered in olive groves and flowering almond trees. A lush green carpet of grass and moss brought out by the spring rains covers everything. Weiman points out several of the latest unauthorized outposts. He says they often begin with a simple Israeli flag planted on a hilltop. Soon a bench appears — and then a guard post with an Israeli soldier. Then a house, a family and some sheep. "They bring one family with some livestock and a couple settler youth who maybe dropped out of school, but who can protect them," he says. "And then they graze their sheep in the entire area and go onto Palestinian lands, and our soldiers have to protect them." He says sometimes settlers deliberately mix their sheep with Palestinian herds and then accuse the Palestinians of stealing them. "You just need one [settler] family and 400 sheep and you make the life of all the Palestinian shepherd communities around you miserable," Weiman says. He says Israel's military occupation facilitates the stealing of Palestinian land in the West Bank through its myriad laws, including some he says were based on laws used by the Ottoman Empire.





## “Humanitarian Violence” in Gaza: Architect Eyal Weizman on Mapping Israel’s “Genocidal Campaign”

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A new report by the research group Forensic Architecture counters Israel’s argument at the International Court of Justice that it followed humanitarian policies to safeguard civilian life in Gaza. South Africa argued in January before the ICJ that Israel was guilty of genocide during its war on Gaza. The report argues that what Israel says are humanitarian evacuations in Gaza actually amount to the forced displacement of Palestinians, which is a war crime. It found that since October 7, Israel has issued imprecise and sometimes contradictory evacuation orders, attacked people even in so-called safe zones and evacuation routes, and failed to provide the necessities of life for those civilians, all while pushing the population further and further south into areas that are then also attacked or evacuated at a later time. “We cannot see it as anything else but part of the genocidal campaign,” says Forensic Architecture director Eyal Weizman, who accuses Israel of using humanitarian principles as yet another weapon against Palestinians in Gaza. He says Israel’s objective is to “exercise pain on the civilian population” in order to deter “ongoing resistance to the Israeli occupation.”

**Eyal Weizman** MBE FBA (born 1970) is a British Israeli architect. He is the director of the research agency Forensic Architecture at Goldsmiths, University of London where he is Professor of Spatial and Visual Cultures and a founding director there of the Centre for Research Architecture at the department of Visual Cultures. In 2019 he was elected Fellow of the British Academy. Eyal Weizman was born in Haifa, Israel. He studied architecture at the Architectural Association in London, and completed his PhD at the London Consortium. In 2007 he was a founding member of the architectural collective Decolonizing Architecture (DAAR)[3] in Beit Sahour in the West Bank, Palestinian territories. Weizman has been a professor of architecture at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna and has also taught at The Bartlett (UCL) in London at the Städelschule in Frankfurt. He lectured, curated and organised conferences in many institutions worldwide. Weizman's most known theoretical work describes the acts of the Israeli army as founded upon the post-structuralist French philosophers and a reading of them. He also conducted research on behalf of B’tselem on the "planning aspects of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank". He has also published many articles on Israeli geography and architecture. In 2013 he designed a permanent folly in Gwangju, South Korea which was documented in the book *The Roundabout Revolution* (Sternberg, 2015). In 2010 he established the agency Forensic Architecture, which provide advanced architectural and media evidence to civil society groups, with the help of several European Research Council grants, as well as other human rights grants. Forensic Architecture undertook research for Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Doctors without Borders (MSF), the Red Cross (ICRC), and the United Nations. Since 2019 he is a guest professor at ETH Zurich. Between 2014-17 he was a Global Scholar at Princeton University.

**In February 2020, Weizman was informed by email that his right to travel to the United States under a visa waiver program had been revoked. He was later informed by an official of the US Embassy in London that an algorithm had identified a security threat that was related to him.**

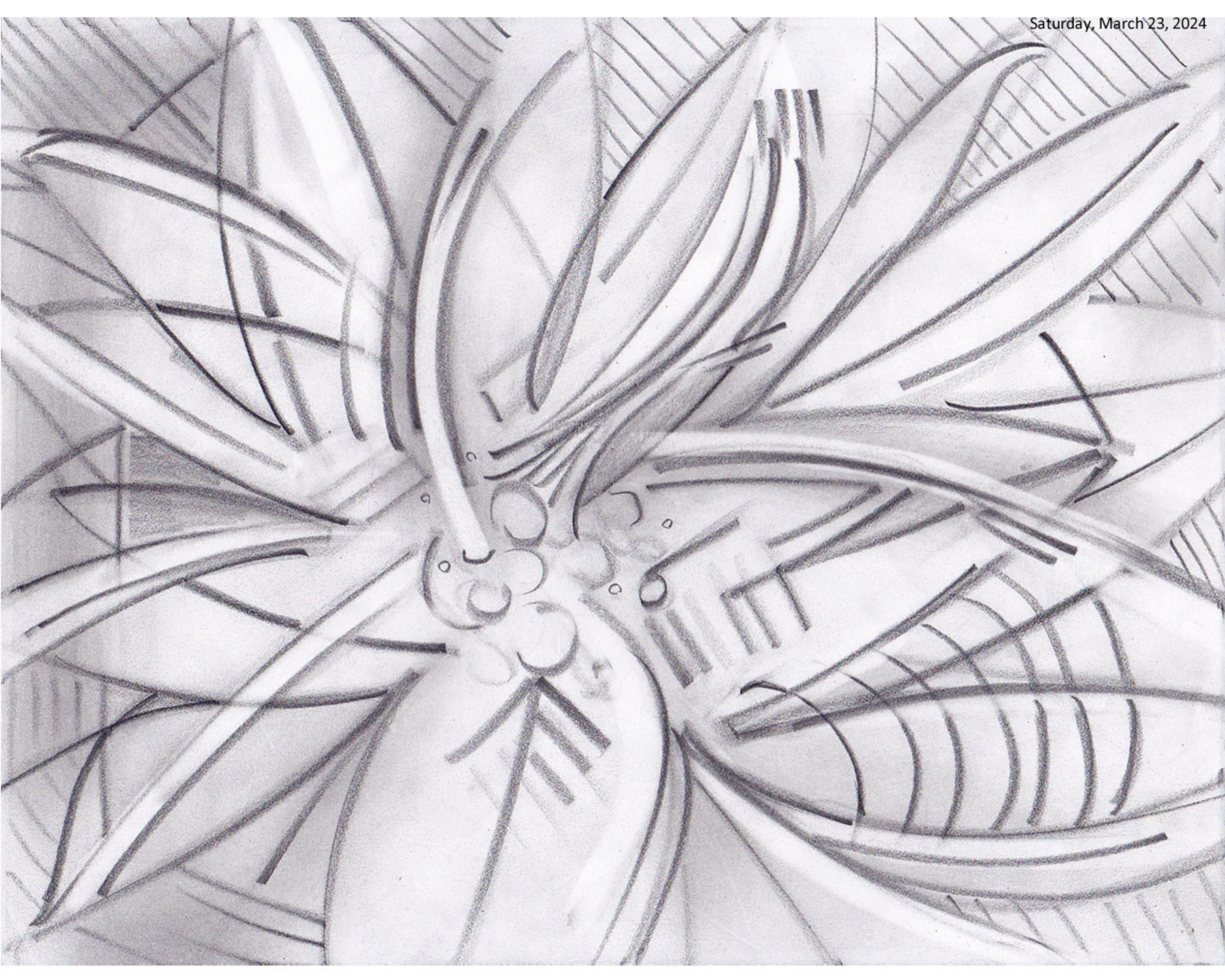
**Political activism:** Weizman is on the editorial board of *Third Text*, *Humanity*, *Cabinet* and *Political Concepts* and is a board member of the Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIJ) and of the Technology Advisory Board of the International Criminal Court in the Hague, and sat on the board of the Israeli human rights organization B’Tselem in Jerusalem. He is currently on the advisory boards of the Human Rights Project at Bard College in New York, as a jury member for architecture in the Akademie Schloss Solitude and of other academic and cultural institutions. In 2014 Weizman was featured in "The Architecture of Violence", a film produced for the series *Rebel Architecture* broadcast by Al Jazeera English.

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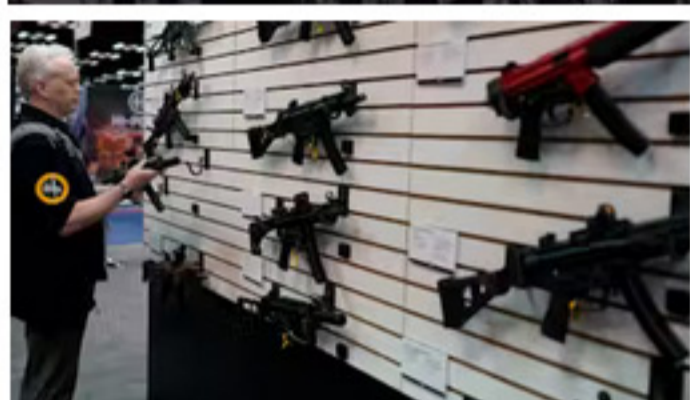
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# Fighting every wildfire ensures the big fires are more extreme, and may harm forests' ability to adapt to climate change

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## Gary, Indiana's lawsuit against gunmakers is shot down by a new law, after surviving 25 years of appeals

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## Excessively high rents are a major burden for immigrants in US cities

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## I've been studying congressional emails to constituents for 15 years – and found these 4 trends after scanning 185,222 of them

Lindsey Cormack, Stevens Institute of Technology

**Republicans in Congress send more emails than Democrats.** There are fundamental differences in how each party seeks to connect with and inform their constituents: Republicans prefer visual elements and strategic timing, and Democrats prefer more text-heavy missives. Republicans tend to stay on message and are more consistent in using key terms and phrases than Democrats. Republicans also routinely co-opt opponents' words: GOP legislators tend to adopt phrases that originate with policy oriented journalists, academics and protesters on the left into a convenient, and dismissive, shorthand. Official e-newsletters have changed over time, as trends of online communication have shifted. But here again, Republicans are ahead of Democrats. Republicans use more images than Democrats and tend to refer constituents to more media outlets, including those that support right-wing views.

After 25 years of legal wrangling, a lawsuit described as "the most consequential legal case against the **gun industry** in this country" appears to have met its end – but the industry isn't out of the legal woods just yet. Back in 1999, the city of Gary, Indiana, filed a lawsuit attempting to hold firearm manufacturers responsible for failing to prevent illegal gun sales. On March 15, 2024, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed a law aimed at extinguishing the suit. As a legal scholar who has followed the case since it was first filed, I believe that the now all-but-certain dismissal of this lawsuit represents a major setback for gun control advocates. But it won't stop other states from trying to use civil litigation to rein in the gun industry. To understand why, let's take a closer look at how Gary's lawsuit lasted so long in the Indiana courts, and how state lawmakers finally gunned it down.

In the U.S., wildland firefighters are able to stop about 98% of all **wildfires** before the fires have burned even 100 acres. That may seem comforting, but decades of quickly suppressing fires has had unintended consequences. In a new study, my colleagues and I show how 'the suppression bias' compounds the impacts of fuel accumulation and climate change.

**A wall that can't be breached:** In 1923, Vladimir, later known as "Ze'ev," Jabotinsky, a prominent Zionist activist, published "On the Iron Wall," an article in which he laid out his vision for the course that the Zionist movement should follow in order to realize its ultimate goal: the creation of an independent Jewish state in Palestine, at the time governed by the British. Jabotinsky's heirs: Likud: In 1925, Jabotinsky founded the Revisionist movement, which would become the chief right-wing opposition party to the dominant Labor Party in the Zionist movement. It opposed Labor's socialist economic vision and emphasized the focus on cultivating Jewish militarism. In 1947, David Ben Gurion and the Zionist establishment accepted partition plans devised by the United Nations for Palestine, dividing it into independent Jewish and Palestinian Arab states. The Zionists' goal in accepting the plan: to have the Jewish state founded on the basis of such international consensus and support. In the new Israeli parliament, Jabotinsky's heirs – in a party first called Herut and later Likud – were relegated to the opposition benches. From 1948 until 1977, the more leftist-leaning Labor Party governed Israel. In 1977, Menachem Begin led the Likud to victory and established it as the dominant force in Israeli politics. In 1993, Rabin negotiated the Oslo Accords, a peace deal with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. That same year, Benjamin Netanyahu had become the leader of the Likud Party. Netanyahu saw the Oslo peace process as the sort of territorial compromise Jabotinsky had warned about. To him, the only answer is a strong Jewish state that refuses any compromises, always identifying the mortal threat to the Jewish people and countering it with an overwhelming show of force. The Hamas attack gave Netanyahu an opportunity to reassert Israel's – and Jabotinsky's – Iron Wall.



**A look at Kate, Princess of Wales, through the years**

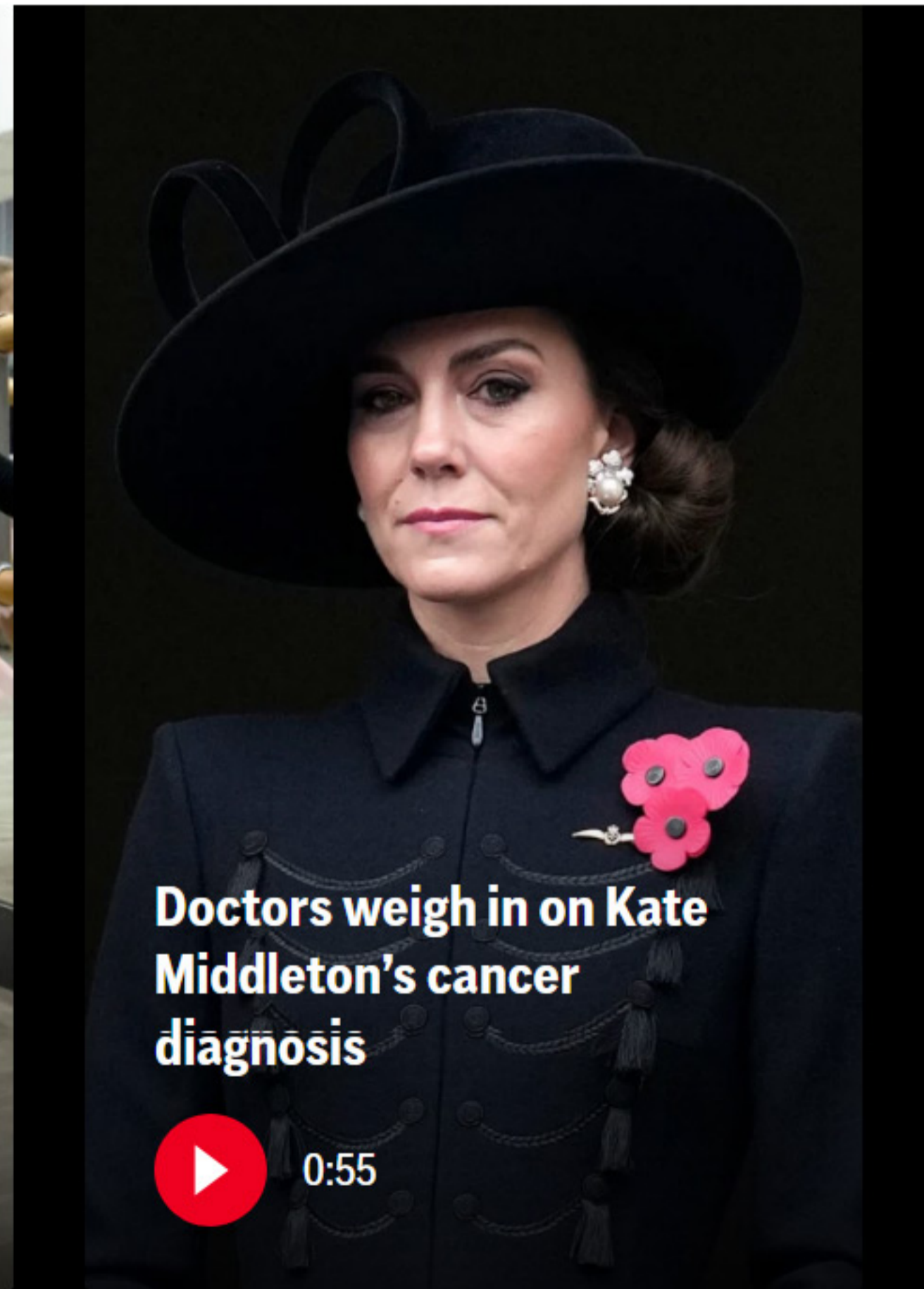
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**Water, abundant for some and scarce for others, highlights inequalities of climate change**

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Residents collect drinking water that falls naturally down a mountain in the Rocinha favela of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, March 18, 2024. (AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)



Residents sit in a dam of Unda River, ahead of World Water Day, in Klungkung, Bali, Indonesia, Tuesday, March 19, 2024. (AP Photo/Firdia Lisnawati)



A man carries jugs to fetch water from a hole in the sandy riverbed in Makueni County, Kenya, Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024. (AP Photo/Brian Inganga)

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## San Diego's parrots have returned. How did they get here in the first place?

by: [Danielle Dawson](#)

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SAN DIEGO (FOX 5/KUSI) — When thinking of the birds that define San Diego's beaches, one probably pictures seabirds or seagulls in flight. But, there's another avian species characteristic of the region's coast that most would probably recognize from just their raucous sound: parrots. A handful of San Diego's beachside neighborhoods — Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach — are home to a sizable transplant population of Red-crowned Amazon parrots, an endangered species of parrot that is native to northeastern Mexico. Flocks of the Red-crowned Amazons mostly hang out in the county during the spring and summer months before migrating in the winter. San Diegans likely already know they returned to the region a few weeks ago from their squawking or spotting their stocky, mostly bright green bodies. While there is no extant species that are native to the continental U.S., the Red-crowned are the most common type of parrots that can be found roaming the county, according to the San Diego Audubon Society. Similar populations also reside in Los Angeles and Orange counties. San Diego is also home to a few Lilac-crowned Amazons, the counterpart of the Red-crowned that is native to the Pacific slopes of Mexico, among a handful of others. So, how did San Diego — and Southern California at large — become a hub for parrot populations? It is hard to pinpoint exactly what led to parrot species becoming naturalized in the region, in part because there has been little research conducted on the species in general over the last few decades. What experts do know, however, seemingly paints a picture as old as time.

The earliest records of any wild parrot residing in San Diego County date back to the 1940s, when the global exotic pet trade began to boom in the U.S. According to local ornithologists, some of these original parrots may have ended up here through that market, either through pet shops or through smugglers who would capture them in Mexico and bring them across the border. Fear of getting caught illegally attempting to cross with the birds may have caused some smugglers to release their cargo at the border, possibly supplementing any local population that had already begun to settle in the region.

Migration due to habitat loss through deforestation or poaching — the principal drivers behind the dwindling numbers in its native ecosystems to critical levels — may also have played a role in building up San Diego's local population of parrots, according to the San Diego Plant Atlas. These trends were similarly believed to drive the growth of Los Angeles' concentration of Red-crowned parrot, although counts of the population puts it roughly three times larger than that of San Diego.

In 2019, it was estimated that there was 1,100 parrots in San Diego County across all nine species recorded in the region. Amazon parrots between both the Red-crowned and Lilac-crowned birds make up nearly three-quarters of that population. **Outside Southern California, the Red-crowned parrot in particular has dwindled so much in its natural habitat that the International Union for Conservation of Nature has it labeled as "possibly extinct" in all but a few couple-mile long stretches.** The non-profit, which compiles lists of critically endangered of animal species called the "IUCN Red List," estimates there are only upwards of 4,300 Red-crowned Amazons left globally.

Urban populations, like San Diego's, can help conserve the number of wild parrots that are left with few impacts on the local environment or wildlife — except for the sounds, of course. According to the San Diego Audubon Society, the parrots have established a "unique ecological niche" in these areas, instead turning to ornamental items that adorn trees as food sources. They have also been known to help encourage native plant growth by propagating seeds. "Worldwide, the climate crisis is expected to alter the native habitats for many species of parrots in the future," the birding group wrote in a 2020 edition of its magazine, *Sketches*. "Fortunately, some parrot species of conservation concern have found success in urban habitats in Southern California, with minimal impact on native species." Those who want to try to spot one of the Red-crowned Amazons don't have to go far. The largest populations are in Point Loma and Ocean Beach, and can often be found hanging out in the branches of large trees.

According to the San Diego Audubon Society, they are most frequently active in the afternoon and early morning after sunrise, opting for naps during the middle of the day before going to bed around sunset.



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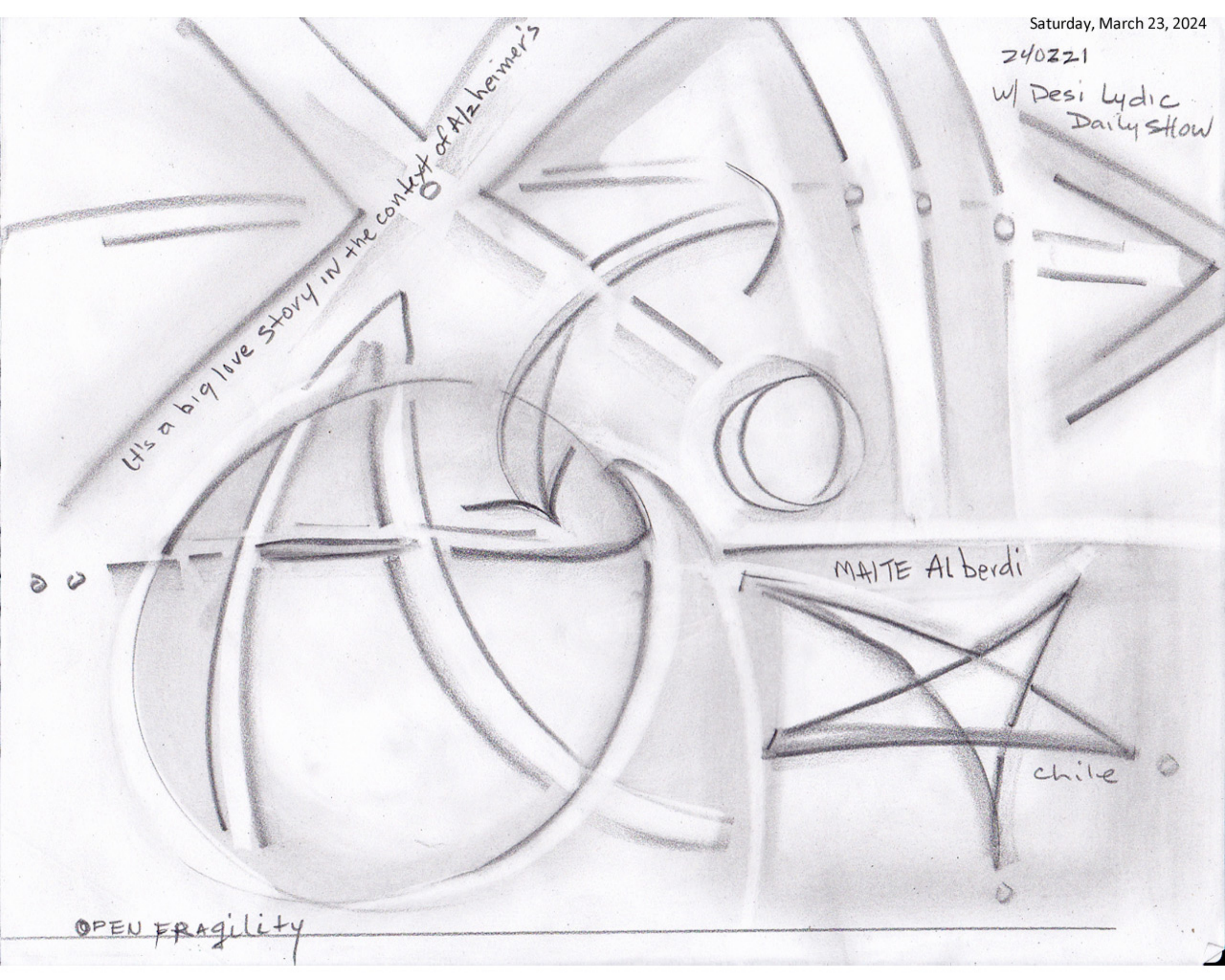
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1:26: Question 2 (Do you think that large conflicts between rival baboon troops can be classified as a form of warfare?)

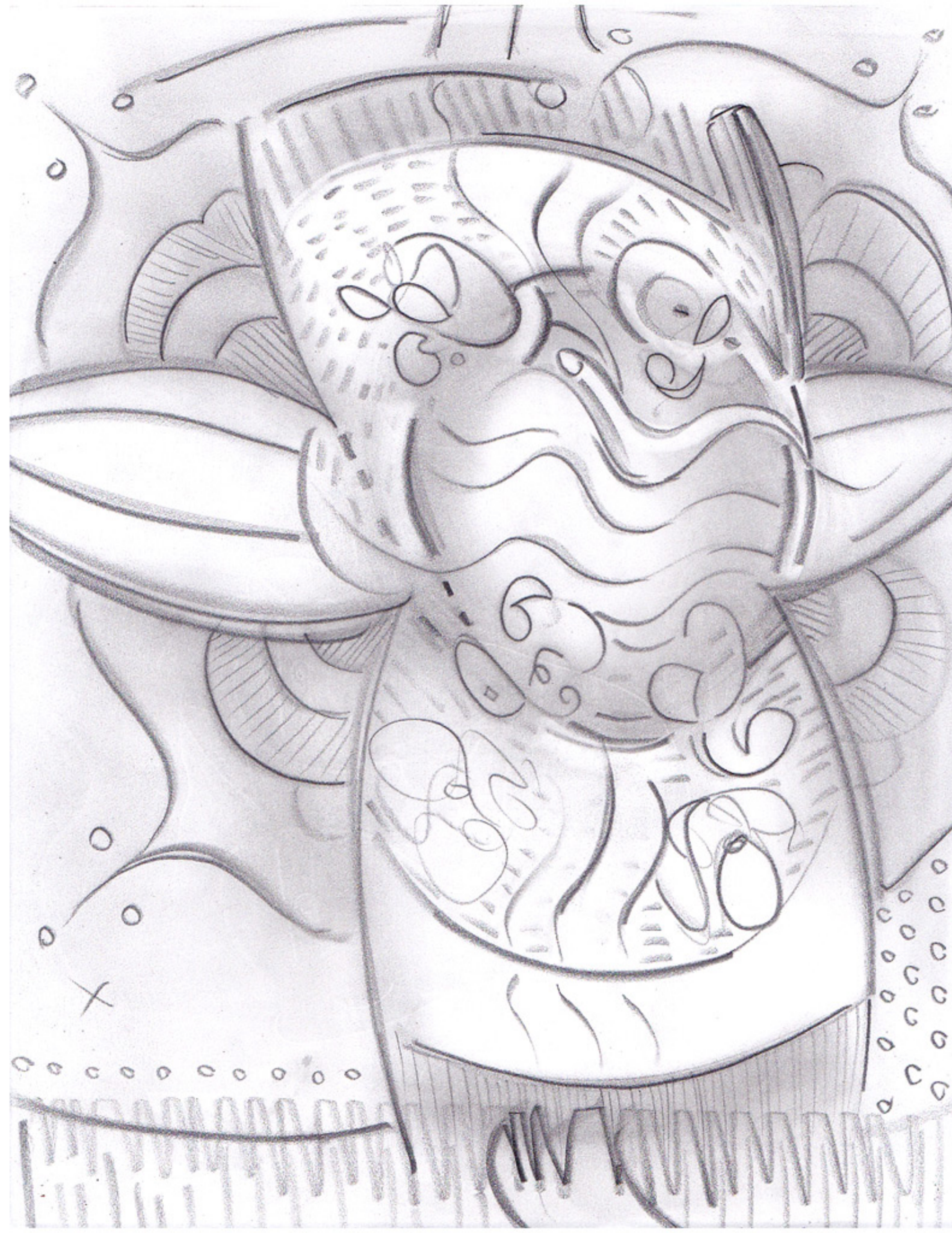
3:33: Question 3 (What is his favorite food besides kibble?)

4:24: Question 4 (Do you think that there are any biological processes that influence disorders like somatoparaphrenia or others that Oliver Sack's work talked about, or is it strictly psychiatric?)

8:15: Question 5 (Why do you look like you live under a bridge?)

### 1:32 > Do you think that large conflicts between rival baboon troops can be classified as a form of warfare?

(Robert Sapolsky:) No. So okay, because they don't have conflicts between troops of baboons um okay here's the deal baboons they grow up and if you're a male baboon around puberty you get unbelievably bored with all the other baboons in your group and you get ants in the pants and you get totally itchy and you pick up and you transfer to another troop, the troop next door, troop 60 miles away, whatever, you move there and you start slowly working your way up in the hierarchy in other words in any given baboon troop all of the adult males grew up someplace else, so they're not terribly cooperative. So they don't have epic battles with a troop across the river because they're too busy trying to slash each other's throats. **2:30 > In contrast chimpanzees** it's the females who would puberty completely bored and pick up and leave so in any group of chimps all the adult males are brothers and cousins and at least guys they've known for their whole lives and they work cooperatively and they do these things called border patrols where if they encounter a male from another group they will kill him this is organized premeditated VI violence and in least in two circumstances that have been documented uh the males have eradicated all the males in a neighboring group and expanded and took over their territory this is like some sort of un definition of genocide killing an individual not for who they are but solely for what group they belong to so I think chimps come up with something that fits a lot of the same features of what we do.





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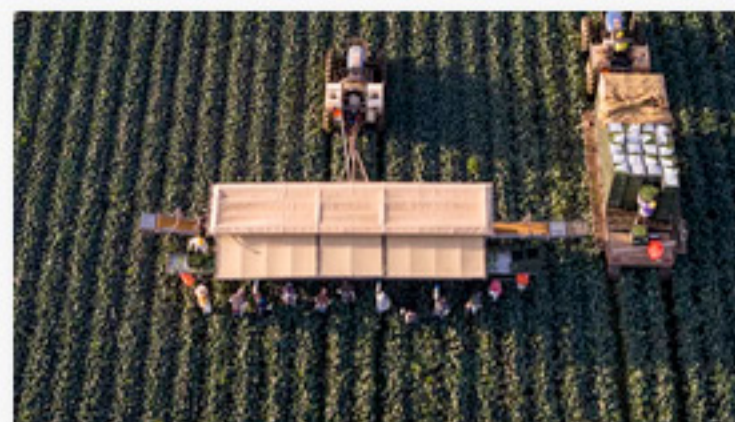
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The city of San Luis had long supported the Gethsemani Baptist Church's **food ministry**, but that all changed in 2022 with the election of a Mayor Nieves Riedel, according to the lawsuit. The city also told the church that its food distribution was a commercial operation and therefore, only allowed in a commercial or industrial zoning district, the suit added. Mayor Riedel, a Democrat who also immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico, told KAWC in December 2022 that the flow of migrants coming through San Luis had put a strain on the city's emergency services,.

Last week, the nonprofit Environmental Working Group released its annual "dirty dozen" list of the produce items containing the most pesticides, strawberries and spinach topped the list. The EWG highlighted the presence of **pesticides, including fungicides**, in 75% of the conventional produce that was tested. But Marvin Pritts, a professor of horticulture at Cornell University, says the scientific consensus is that pesticide residue at government-regulated levels is safe for consumption, and eating conventional fruits and veggies is far healthier than skipping produce at your next meal.



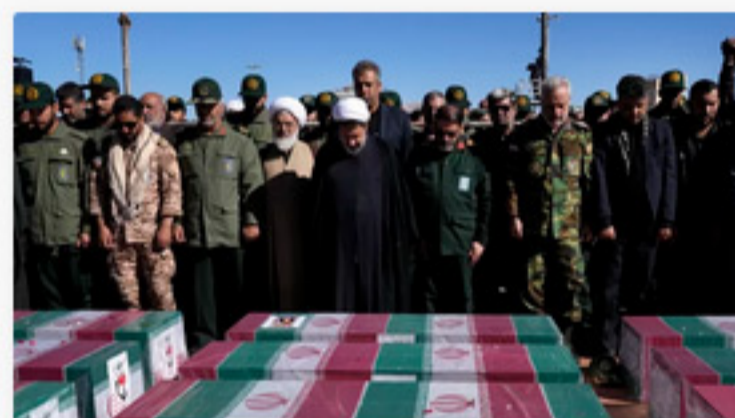
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This is the point where the **de-influencing movement** comes full circle and back to influencing — only, with a twist. "This isn't just about de-influencing. This is about using your influence in the right way," said Solitaire Townsend, a sustainability expert and co-founder of the change agency Futerra.

**De-influencing's relationship with the environment:** With an online platform, today's de-influencers are spreading a deeper message to their followers about how to live sustainably in a way that helps the planet. They point to the plastic packaging encasing products hawked online, a small amount of which actually gets recycled; the shipping; and the fact that a lot of these products end up in landfills or being burned, which contributes to global greenhouse gas emissions. The stakes are high when it comes to the rapid consumption of goods and services, which can make people feel powerless, said Aja Barber, but she adds that talking about the issue is the first step for consumers. "If you can get people to start thinking about the things that they buy, they start thinking about a lot of the bigger topics as well," she said. Aja Barber is author of the book *Consumed: The Need for Collective Change*. She's kind of the original de-influencer, having spent years speaking to issues of sustainability in the context of fast fashion. "The conversation about fast fashion and consumer goods, I find it's like a gateway," she said. "People are like, 'Oh, it's just a frivolous dress,' and then they start to learn a little bit more about what's behind it ... and it just keeps going. Before you know it, you're like me and you have a compost and you won't shut up about it."



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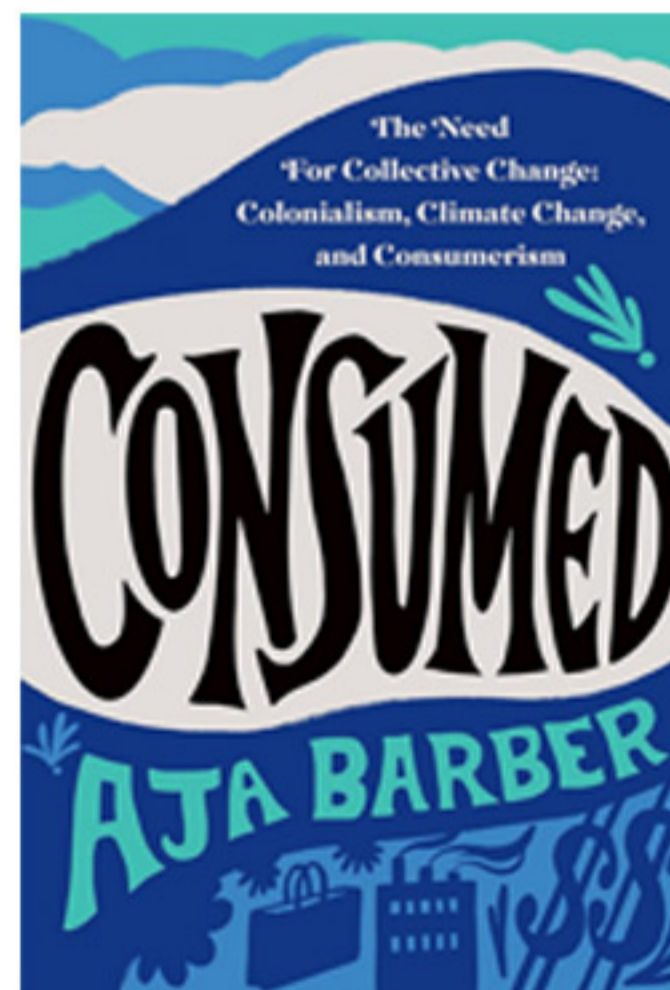
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Now, when you think of the industries most responsible for climate change, you probably summon up an image of an oil rig, right? Maybe even a coal mine or a megafarm, perhaps heavy engineering. But there's one industry that's never mentioned in that list even though every other industry depends upon it. I'm talking about an economic sector that makes ... nothing. It has no stock, no warehouses, no factories. It's entirely powered by brains, by spreadsheets and by PowerPoint. Who is this mystery industry? The professional services of advertising and PR firms, the big management consultancies, the corporate lawyers and lobbyists. Together, this sector is worth over two trillion dollars a year.

Let's call it the "X industry," where X is for influence. Now, when it comes to climate change, each individual firm in this sector has the carbon footprint probably no bigger than your average kindergarten. But the brainprint of the X industry is felt everywhere. And that's because these problem-solvers and storytellers act as the grease in the wheel of all other businesses on Earth. And that gives the X industry an outside influence on the likelihood that we reach net-zero, or they will be one of the primary architects of climate destruction. Now, how? Remember that oil rig we imagined a moment ago? Think about how it's actually built. I've seen this firsthand. It takes a village of X industry advisers to raise a rig. First – often, the oil exploration proposals are financially modeled by one of the big consultancies. Then the lobbying firms push through regulatory approval, often years, if not decades, ahead of a single drop of oil being pumped. Then the PR agencies, they come in and they work to get local communities onside. And the legal firms squash any legal objection. Finally, the creative agencies craft influence campaigns to help sell the image of the oil industry and to sell the product itself. Oil companies know how to drill for oil, but they've outsourced almost everything else to this army of publicists and consultants, to lawyers and to lobbyists. We all remember the Deepwater Horizon disaster of 2010, when BP polluted the Gulf of Mexico with over four million barrels of oil. What you might not know is that BP admitted to spending three times as much on promotional advertising in the year after the disaster than in the year before. And arguably, the X industry has done a better job of cleaning up BP's image than BP has yet done cleaning up the Gulf of Mexico. (Applause) Thank you. (Applause) Oh, come on, come on. Is it really fair for me to hold the X industry responsible for the environmental impact of their clients? There is no official way to do so just yet. We recognize only three scopes of carbon emission. Scopes one and two: all the direct emissions from your fleets and your factories and the power that you purchase. In the UK, the advertising association has estimated that the entire carbon footprint of the UK ad industry, worth over 20 billion dollars a year, is just 1.1 million tonnes. 1.1 million tonnes. Now, scope three, the third scope, this is a bit harder. This is all the indirect emissions from how people use your products or from your supply chain. And that's a necessary headache for a lot of companies to start taking control over. But technically, the X industry barely moves the dial here either. That's why I believe that the X industry needs a new scope X, a way to account for the emissions of influence. Now the – (Applause) The experts at the Purpose Disruptors network have made a start at doing just that. They looked at a single advertising campaign made for Audi. Now this campaign won one of the big effectiveness awards in advertising. And the car company and their advertising agency claimed that this single campaign generated 1.78 billion dollars of incremental revenue for Audi. The ad campaign sold a lot of cars. And if their claim is correct, it also generated 5.1 million tonnes of additional carbon for Audi. So this is a one-to-five ratio between the impact of an entire industry – the entire ad industry – versus one single advertising campaign. It is time for those of us, like me, who work in this industry, to take our responsibility seriously. And that starts with being honest about who pays our bills. The X industry is famously murky about that. And so my firm in 2015 produced the first client disclosure report. It's very simple. We just disclosed our revenue by the client industries which we serve. I'm so pleased to say that 170 other ad agencies, consultancies and PR companies have now promised to do the same. (Applause) But our industry is dominated by a handful of really big consultancies and advertising agencies, and not one of them have yet promised to join us. And this really matters because the X industry is hiring up many of the most inventive, creative, knowledgeable and influential minds that humanity has. And those are the exact same skills that we need to change the course of climate change. Now we need all of that X industry talent to stop serving destruction and start serving solutions. And if you work in the X industry, you're probably beginning to feel a little bit uncomfortable right now. Good. (Laughter) (Applause) I want you to ask yourself: Are you selling your talent to the right people? Are you serving the causes of climate change or the solutions to it? And are you using all that vaunted ability to influence your clients or just to influence their critics? This must be the solutions decade, and we're nearly two years into our window to change our

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Good.



**Craig Gerard Mokhiber** (born in 1960) is an American former United Nations (UN) human rights official and a specialist in international human rights law, policy, and methodology. On October 28, 2023, Mokhiber stepped down as the director of the New York office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), four days before he was due to retire. In his final letter to High Commissioner Volker Türk, he harshly criticized the organization's response to the war in Gaza, calling Israel's military intervention a "textbook genocide" and accusing the UN of failing to act. Mokhiber is the youngest of six sons of Lorraine Pealer of Niagara Falls, New York, and Mitchell Fadel Mokhiber of Getzville, New York. Mitchell Mokhiber (1932–2021), who was a member of the Antiochian Orthodox community, was the son of Edward Mokhiber who immigrated to the US from what is now Lebanon in 1908. Mokhiber studied at Niagara Falls High School and graduated from the University at Buffalo Law School. He specialized in investigating human rights abuses. For several years he served as an attorney with the United Nations human rights office in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mokhiber served the United Nations from 1992 to October 2023. Initially he led the Human Rights and Development Team, which was tasked with the development of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)'s human rights-based approach (HRBA), "a conceptual framework for the process of human development that is normatively based on international human rights standards and operationally directed to promoting and protecting human rights". [9] Mokhiber also served as a UN specialist in Palestine, Afghanistan, and Darfur. [10] He lived in Gaza during the 1990s while working as an advisor for the UN. In 2009, he spoke at a special themed discussion event on the topics of UN interest addressed by the 2004 television series *Battlestar Galactica* at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, organized by the Creative Community Outreach Initiative of the UN Department of Public Information. Most recently, Mokhiber was the director of the New York office of the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights. In March 2023, he wrote to High Commissioner Volker Türk to express his concerns about human rights violations on the West Bank and to inform him that he would be resigning his post later that year. In March 2023, pro-Israel NGO UN Watch criticized Mokhiber for what it considered a lack of neutrality and an anti-Israel bias in his social media posts. Ynet wrote that Mokhiber's critics contend that, "despite being a part of an agency that claims to be apolitical", he has "a long history of publishing virulently anti-Israel statements". Mokhiber responded that "if you defend the human rights of Palestinians you will be smeared as an antisemite. After 40+ years in the human rights movement, I'm used to this dance".

**Departure from the UN:** On October 28, 2023, days before his retirement became effective, he again wrote to the high commissioner, accusing the UN of failing to prevent what he described as the genocide of Palestinian civilians in Gaza by Israel, which he termed "[t]he European, ethno-nationalist, settler colonial project in Palestine". In his departure letter, Mokhiber referred to Israel's military actions in Gaza as "textbook genocide" and criticized the UN for failing to act, drawing parallels with previous genocides in Bosnia, Rwanda, and Myanmar. [ He called for a one-state solution, stating "We must support the establishment of a single, democratic secular state in all of historic Palestine, with equal rights for Christians, Muslims, and Jews, and, therefore, the dismantling of the deeply racist, settler-colonial project and an end to apartheid across the land." He called on the UN to apply the same standards to Israel as it does when assessing human rights violations in other countries around the world.

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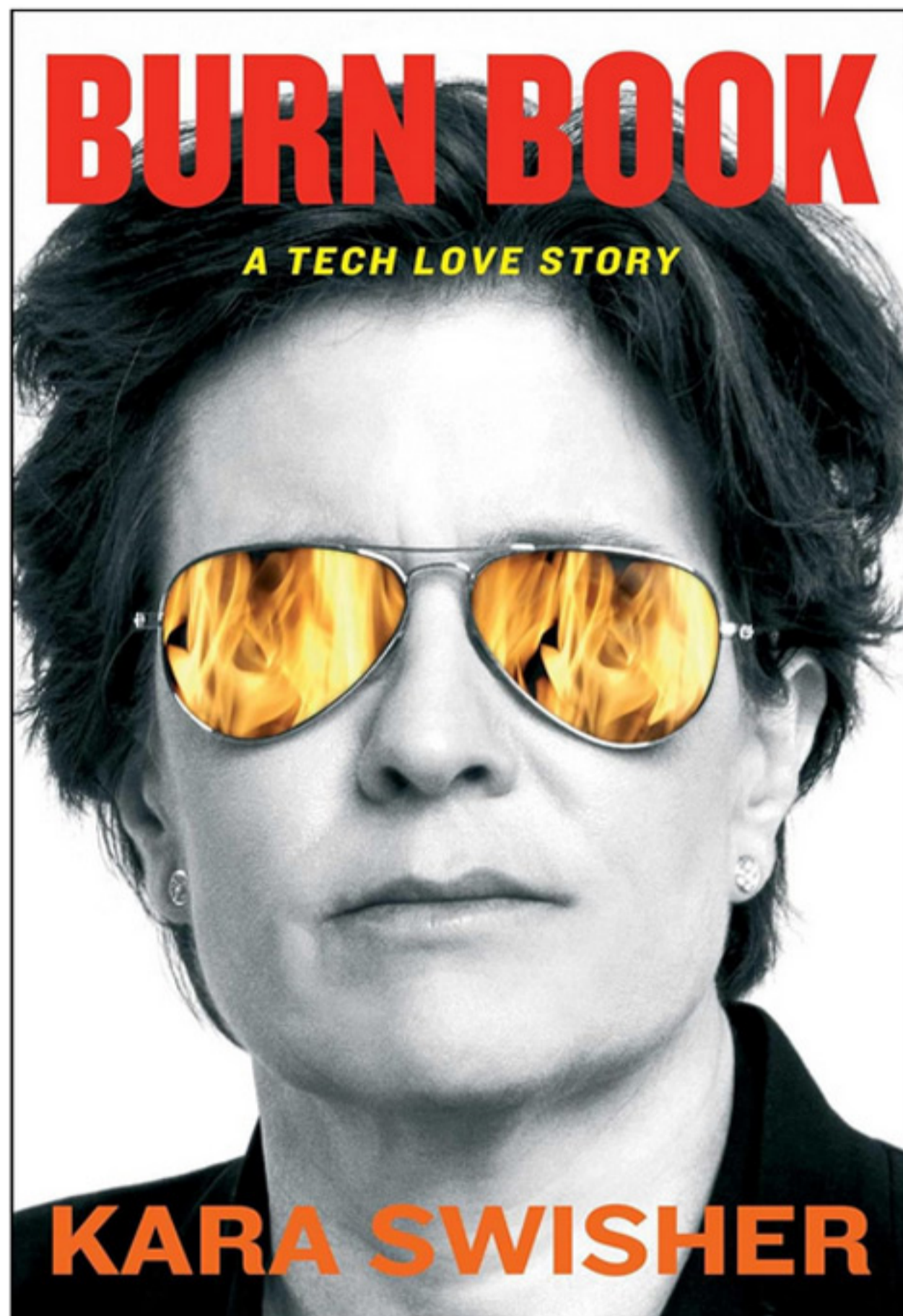
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We speak with former top U.N. human rights official Craig Mokhiber after the Security Council voted Monday on a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and the release of all remaining hostages. The United States abstained from the vote, allowing it to pass after nearly six months of obstructing similar efforts at the Security Council. Mokhiber, who resigned in October over the U.N.'s failure to address rights violations in Israel-Palestine, says "Israel has the world record" for violating U.N. resolutions and is certain to violate this ceasefire resolution, as well, even though it expressed "the very broad consensus across the global community against Israel's onslaught on Gaza." Israel continued bombing Gaza after Monday's vote, and top Israeli leaders have vowed to continue the war that has killed over 32,000 Palestinians so far. "What this genocide has done is it has revealed the weaknesses, the political compromises, the moral failings of the United Nations and other international institutions," says Mokhiber, who adds that continued pressure from civil society is needed to end the bloodshed.



Part memoir, part history, *Burn Book* is a necessary chronicle of tech's most powerful players. From "the queen of all media" (Walt Mossberg, *The Wall Street Journal*), this is the inside story we've all been waiting for about modern Silicon Valley and the biggest boom in wealth creation in the history of the world.

When tech titans crowed that they would "move fast and break things," Kara Swisher was moving faster and breaking news. While covering the explosion of the digital sector in the early 1990s, she developed a long track record of digging up and reporting the facts about this new world order. Her consistent scoops drove one CEO to accuse her of "listening in the heating ducts" and prompted Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg to once observe: "It is a constant joke in the Valley when people write memos for them to say, 'I hope Kara never sees this.'"

While still in college, Swisher got her start at *The Washington Post*, where she became one of the few people in journalism interested in covering the nascent Internet. She went on to work for *The Wall Street Journal*, joining with Walt Mossberg to start the groundbreaking D: All Things Digital conference, as well as pioneering tech news sites.

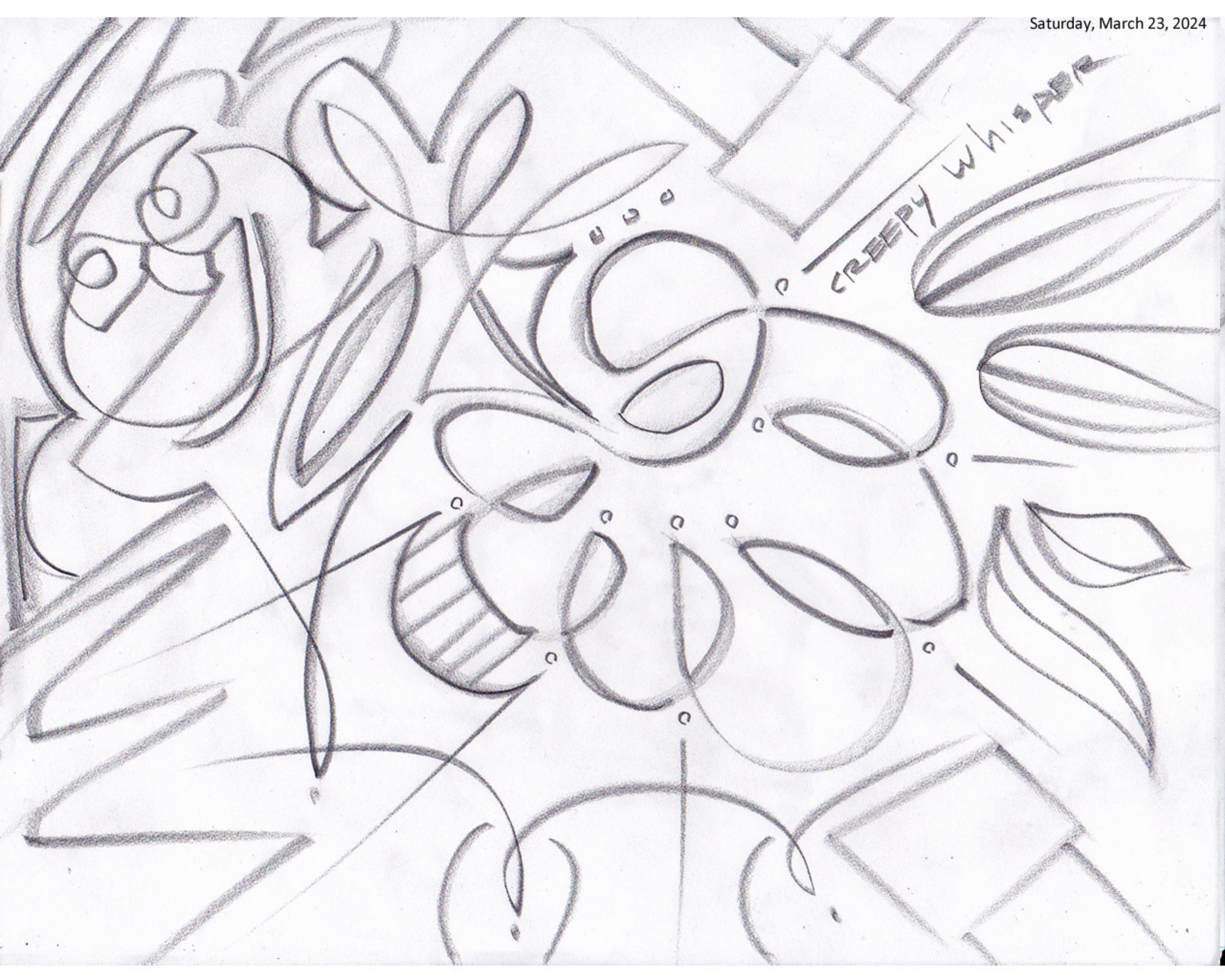
Swisher has interviewed everyone who matters in tech over three decades, right when they presided over an explosion of world-changing innovation that has both helped and hurt our world. Steve Jobs, Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Bill Gates, Sheryl Sandberg, Bob Iger, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Meg Whitman, Peter Thiel, Sam Altman, and Mark Zuckerberg are just a few whom Swisher made sweat—figuratively and, in Zuckerberg's case, literally.

Despite the damage she chronicles, Swisher remains optimistic about tech's potential to help solve problems and not just create them. She calls upon the industry to make better, more thoughtful choices, even as a new set of powerful AI tools are poised to change the world yet again. At its heart, this book is a love story to, for, and about tech from someone who knows it better than anyone.



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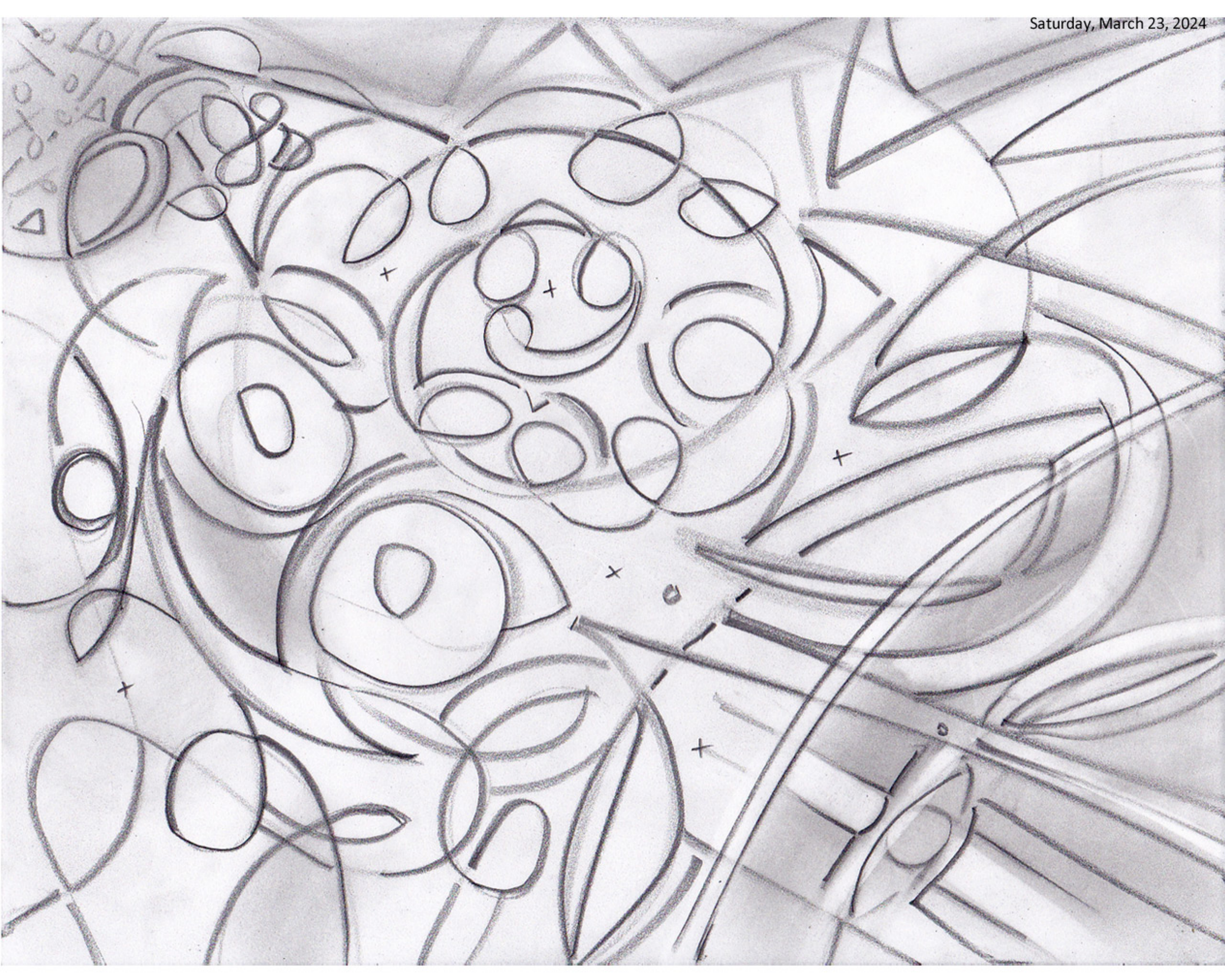
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Details are still emerging about the disaster that happened in the early morning of March 26, 2024, when the Dali, a large cargo ship on its way out of the port of Baltimore, hit a major bridge, the 1.6 miles long Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing it to collapse.







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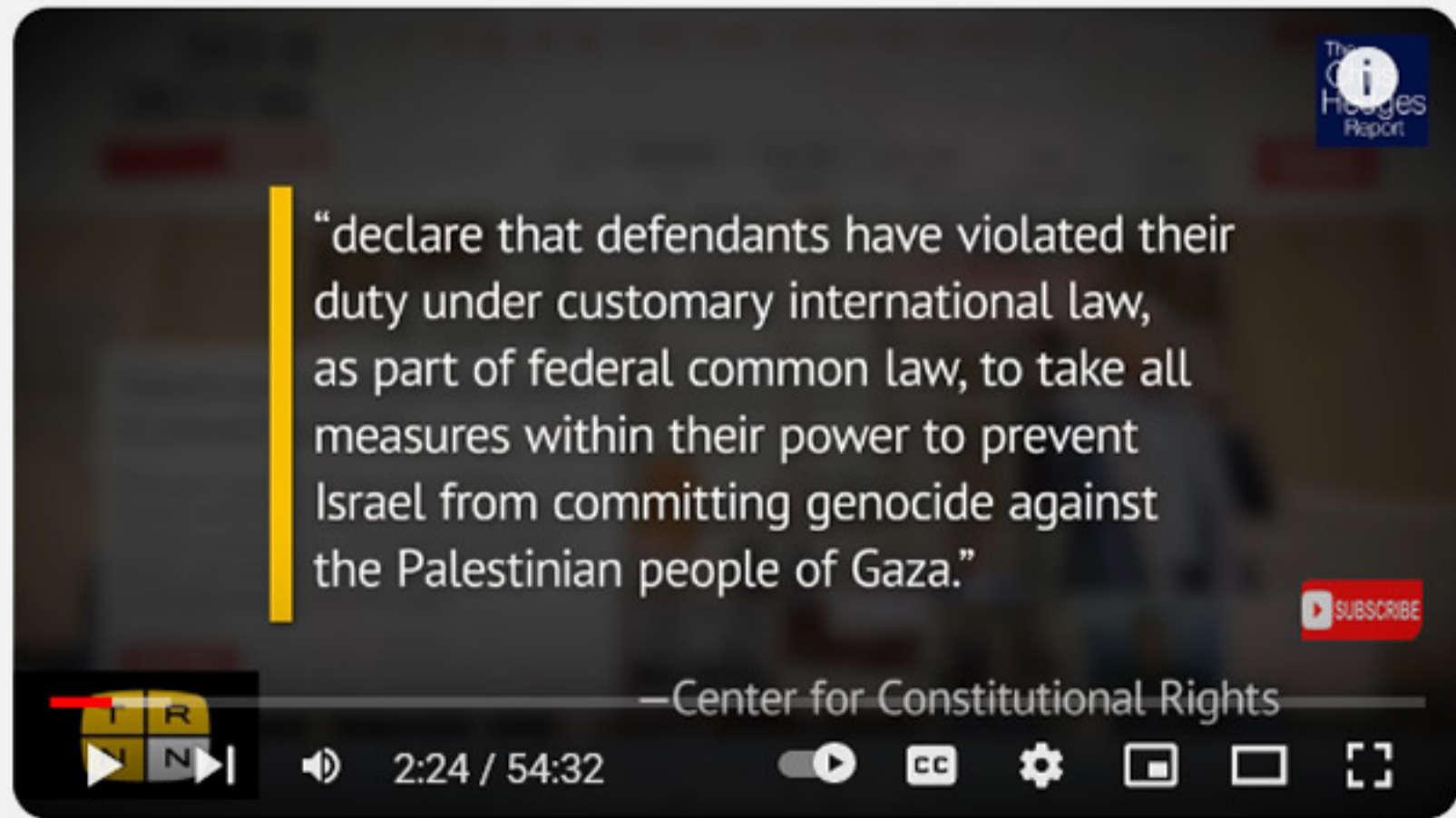
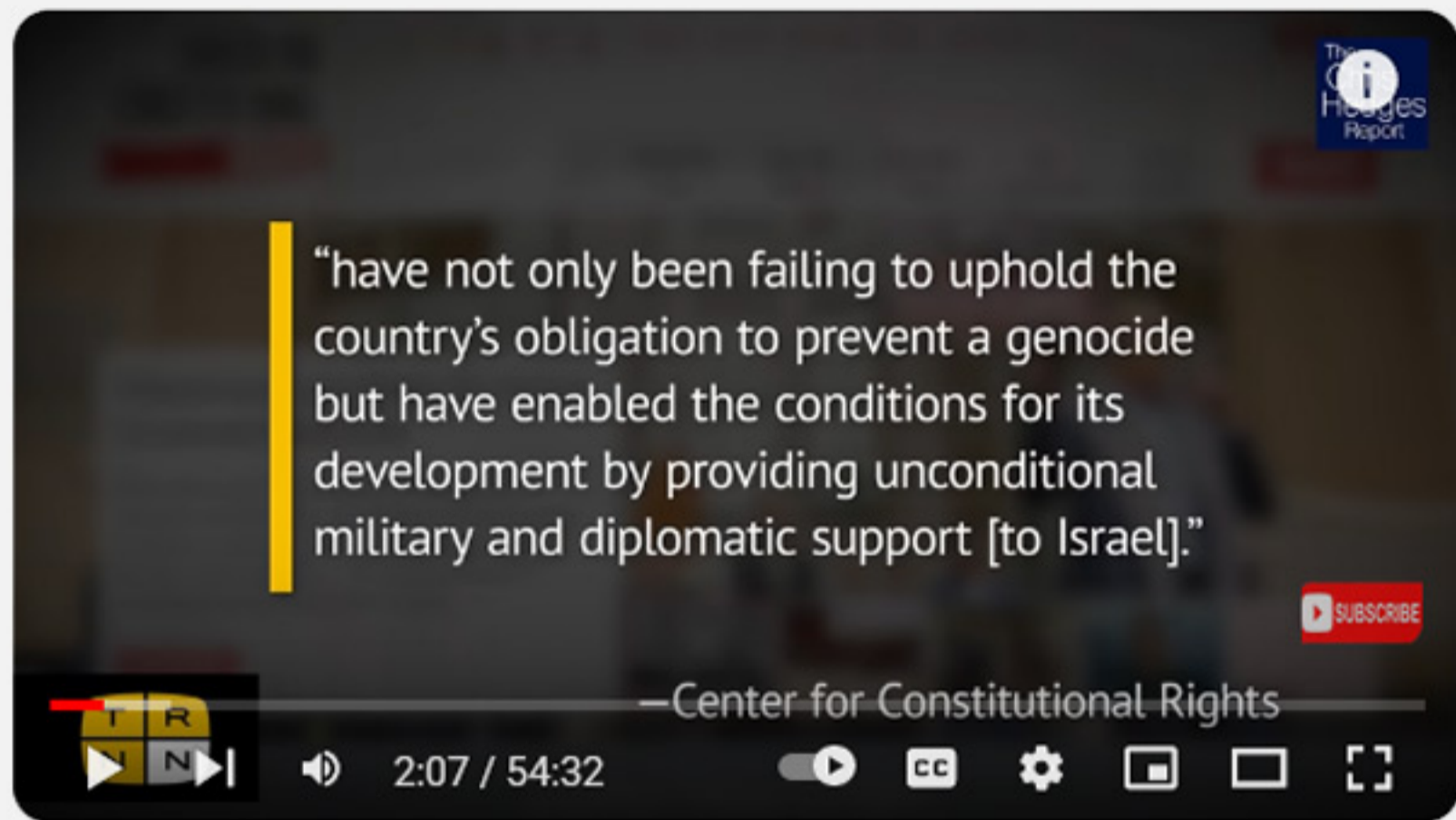




## Should Biden be tried for genocide crimes? | The Chris Hedges Report

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 Israel has killed more than 30,000 Palestinians over the past 5 months of its genocide in Gaza, including more than 13,000 children. The Israeli bombing campaign has wiped hospitals, universities, primary schools, and other critical infrastructure off the map, not even sparing tent cities in Rafah where over a million displaced people have fled to. Through it all, the Biden administration has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Israel, supplying the funds and arms required for Israel's extermination campaign to continue. As international legal action against Israel and its allies mounts, the question has arisen of whether and how the US and its leaders ought to be brought to justice. A recently appealed lawsuit from the Center for Constitutional Rights, filed on behalf of Palestinian human rights organization Defense for Children Palestine, sought to do just that. Plaintiff Ayman Nijim and CCR Senior Staff Attorney Katherine Gallagher join The Chris Hedges Report to discuss their recent lawsuit and the possibility of a genocide crimes case against President Biden.



# An Arizona lawmaker announced she was getting an abortion. Here's what happened next

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By Wayne Schutsky



Since announcing her pregnancy and plans for an abortion, Arizona state Sen. Eva Burch has undergone the medical procedure and continues her work in the state Senate, where she hopes her story will change hearts and minds.

Ross D. Franklin/AP

For the first 25 minutes, the Arizona Senate's floor session on March 18th was unremarkable. Then, state Senator Eva Burch stood up and announced to her colleagues that she was pregnant, and planned to get an abortion.

Detailing a deeply personal medical history of past miscarriages, Burch told her fellow lawmakers that she made the decision to seek an abortion after discovering that her fetus is not viable. "I don't think people should have to justify their abortions," Burch, a Democrat, told the chamber.

"But I'm choosing to talk about why I made this decision, because I want us to be able to have meaningful conversations about the reality of how the work that we do in this body impacts people in the real world," she said, in reference to the state's 15-week abortion ban, passed in 2022.

## Arizona voters could decide the future of abortion access this fall

Burch believes lawmakers should not be involved in decisions about abortion at all – and she believes most Arizonans agree with her. A poll of voters conducted in 2022 months after the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision found that around 90% of voters believed abortion should be legal "in some way, shape or form."

And a campaign is underway to put abortion rights before voters this November, through a referendum vote that will decide whether to enshrine the right to abortion in the state Constitution. Abortion advocates have about three more months to collect the nearly 400,000 signatures they need to get the measure on the ballot.

Arizona is one of at least a dozen states with abortion amendment initiatives underway, and of the 6 states which have already put the question before voters, all have gotten the votes to amend their state constitutions.



## Sam Bankman-Fried sentenced to 25 years – how he went from \$30B crypto CEO to prison inmate

D. Brian Blank, Mississippi State University and Brandy Hadley, Appalachian State University

*The case of Sam Bankman-Fried, who was sentenced on March 28, 2024, to 25 years in prison, is emblematic of the fast-paced world of cryptocurrency, in which vast sums of money can be made or lost in the blink of an eye. In early November 2022, the crypto exchange FTX was valued at more than US\$30 billion. By the middle of that month, FTX was in bankruptcy proceedings. And less than a year later, on Nov. 3, 2023, its founder, Sam Bankman-Fried, was found guilty of seven counts of money laundering and fraud, following a trial that featured less than a month of testimony and only about four hours of jury deliberation. D. Brian Blank and Brandy Hadley are professors who study finance, executives, corporate governance and financial technology. They explain how and why this incredible collapse happened, what effect it might have on the traditional financial sector and whether you should care.*



## Tweaking US trade policy could hold the key to reducing migration from Central America

Raymond Robertson, Texas A&M University and Kaleb Girma Abreha, Texas A&M University



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## Port of Baltimore bridge collapse rattles supply chains already rocked by troubles in Panama and the Red Sea

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## Bridges can be protected from ship collisions – an expert on structures in disasters explains how

Sherif El-Tawil, University of Michigan

***The cargo ship** collision that destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore on March 26, 2024, is raising questions about just how much engineers can do to prevent such catastrophes from occurring in the future. Here, Michael J. Chajes, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Delaware, discusses how bridge design codes have changed over the years and the challenges of building new structures, and retrofitting existing ones, so they can survive extreme events*

# Boiling weeds, eating animal feed: People in Gaza stave off hunger any way they can

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By Fatma Tanis, Omar El Qattaa

"The pain that we Palestinians are living through now, no one has ever lived before and no one will ever live it,"

Riwaa Massoud Saed



A Palestinian boy waits with his pot among a crowd in Beit Lahia, in northern Gaza, while trying to get a small amount of soup from one of the few soup kitchens, on Feb. 26.

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At a makeshift market on Omar Mukhtar Street in northern Gaza's Palestine Square, vendors are selling household items, clothing, canned foods and some root vegetables — but at steep prices.



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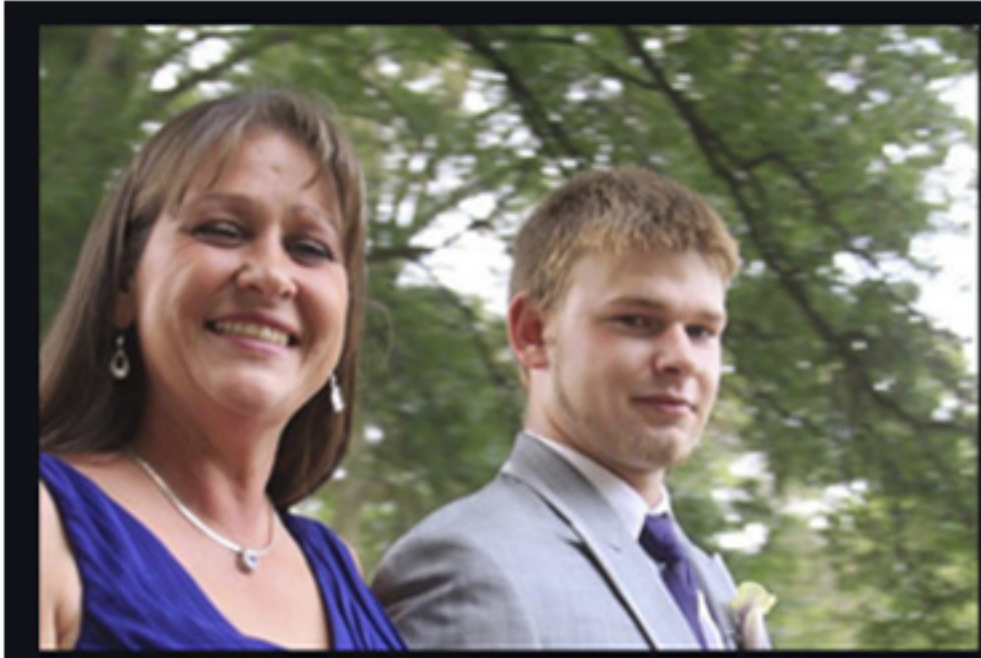


A child on Al Rashid Street tries to gather flour that spilled from one of the rare aid convoys that entered northern Gaza from Kerem Shalom crossing.

## For years she thought her son had died of an overdose. The police video changed all that

By MITCH WEISS and KRISTIN M. HALL Updated 3:03 AM PDT, March 29, 2024

Karen Goodwin's son is among more than 1,000 people across the United States who died over a decade after police restrained them in ways that are not supposed to be fatal, according to an investigation by The Associated Press in collaboration with FRONTLINE (PBS) and the Howard Centers for Investigative Journalism. Turner's case highlights a central finding of the AP investigation: In the aftermath of fatal police encounters involving the use of Tasers, brute force and other tactics, a lack of accountability permeates the justice system. From the police officers at the scene and their commanders to prosecutors and medical examiners, the system shields officers from scrutiny. Goodwin and her family are examples of what can happen when police tactics go too far in such a system: The truth can be lost. Like the Goodwins, hundreds of families have been left to wrestle with incorrect or incomplete narratives that have recast the lives of the dead, and re-ordered the lives of those left behind.



This 2012 family photo shows Austin Hunter Turner with his mother, Karen Goodwin, at the wedding of her oldest son. (Kim Rutledge via AP)



**For years she thought her son had died of an overdose. The police video changed all that**

One man's death echoes nearly every theme in an AP investigation about police officers' use of force tactics.

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## US changes how it categorizes people by race and ethnicity. It's the first revision in 27 years



1 of 6 | Florida state Rep. Anna Eskamani poses out front of her office Wednesday, March 27, 2024, in Orlando, Fla. For the first time in 27 years, the U.S. government is announcing changes to how it categorizes people by race and ethnicity. "It feels good to be seen," said Eskamani, whose parents are from Iran. (AP Photo/John Raoux)



BY MIKE SCHNEIDER

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"You can't underestimate the emotional impact this has on people," said Meeta Anand, senior director for Census & Data Equity at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "It's how we conceive ourselves as a society. ... You are seeing a desire for people to want to self-identify and be reflected in data so they can tell their own stories."

Not everyone is on board with the latest revisions. Some Afro Latinos feel that combining the race and ethnicity question will reduce their numbers and representation in the data, though previous research by the U.S. Census Bureau did not find significant differences among Afro Latino responses when the questions were asked separately or together. **Mozelle Ortiz, for instance, is of mixed Afro Puerto Rican descent. She feels the changes could eliminate that identity, even though people can choose more than one answer once the race and ethnicity questions are combined. "My entire lineage, that of my Black Puerto Rican grandmother's and all other non-white Spanish speaking peoples, will be erased,"** Ortiz wrote the interagency group. Others are unhappy about how some groups of people such as Armenians or Arabs from Sudan and Somalia were not included in the examples used to define people of Middle Eastern or North African background. Maya Berry, executive director of the Arab American Institute, said that while she was "incredibly happy" with the new category, that enthusiasm was tempered by the omissions. "It is not reflective of the racial diversity of our community," Berry said. "And it's wrong."

# Fact check

From independent sources

**POLITIFACT**

Did the 2020 presidential election in Wisconsin really come down to a few votes per ward?

**Claim:** "When it comes to how many votes (President) Joe Biden won, it was literally less than a few votes per ward."

**Fact check by PolitiFact:** True

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- Godlewski was referring to all wards in the state of Wisconsin, not a specific city or county.
- Taking President Joe Biden's vote margin and dividing it by the total number of wards does result in about three voters per ward.
- Godlewski is taking wards together as an average, and different parts of the state would have delivered more or less votes for Biden.

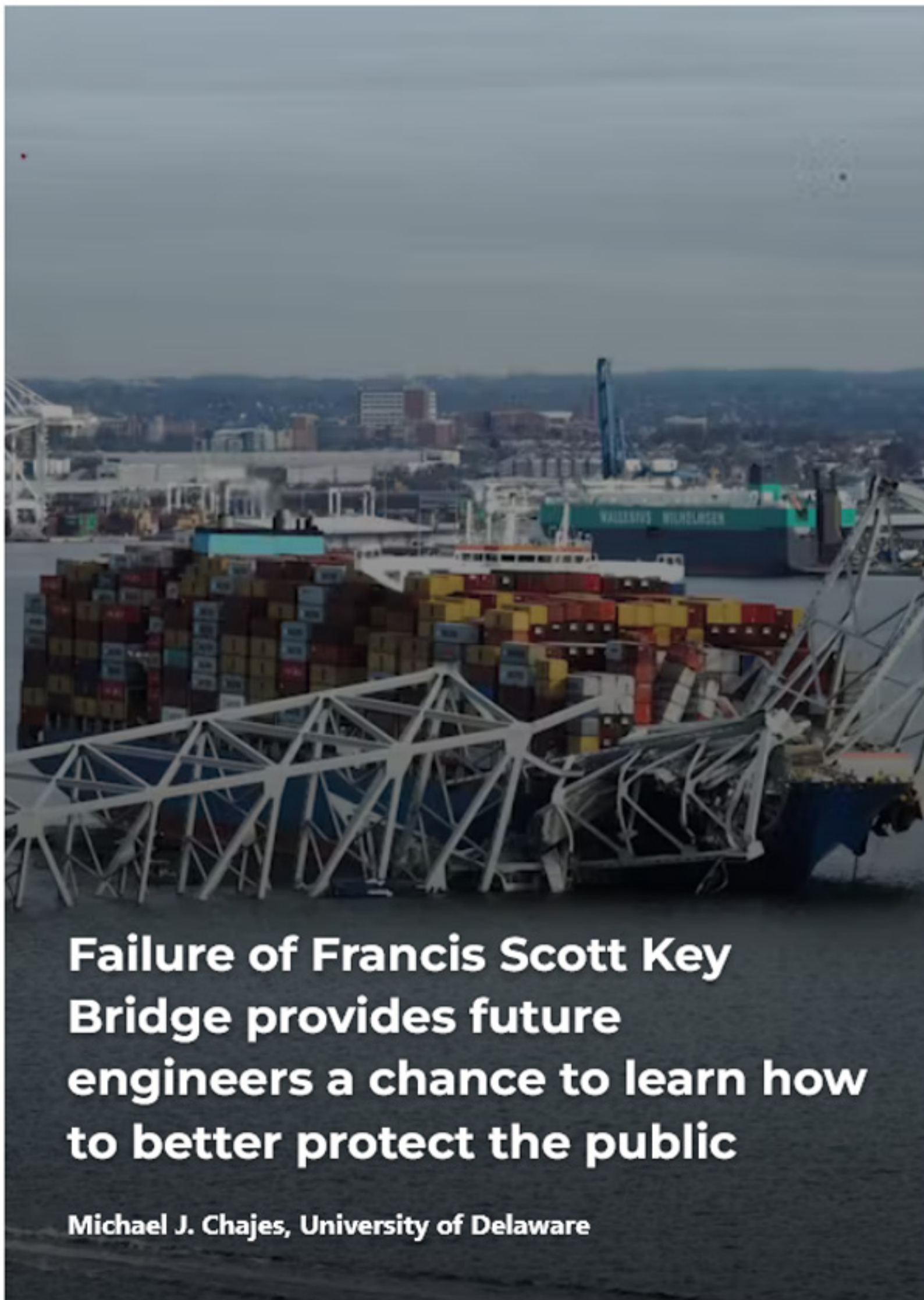
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Milwaukee resident Jennifer Taff, who said she had been in a line for two hours, waited to vote at Washington High School in Milwaukee during the April 2020 primary. (Patricia McKnight/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel).

# Baltimore bridge collapse



**Failure of Francis Scott Key Bridge provides future engineers a chance to learn how to better protect the public**

**Michael J. Chajes, University of Delaware**



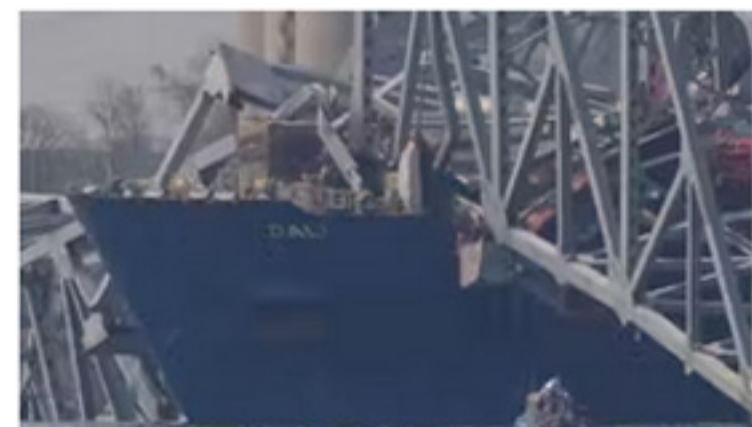
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**I've captained ships into tight ports like Baltimore, and this is how captains like me work with harbor pilots to avoid deadly collisions**

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**Disasters like bridge collapses put transportation agencies' emergency plans to the test**

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A genetic match to an ancient person doesn't mean you're more related genealogically. Mark Edward Atkinson/Tetra Images via Getty Images

## DNA says you're related to a Viking, a medieval German Jew or a 1700s enslaved African? What a genetic match really means

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▼ **Shai Carmi**, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, **Harald Ringbauer**, *Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology*

In 2022, we reported the DNA sequences of 33 medieval people buried in a Jewish cemetery in Germany. Not long after we made the data publicly available, people started comparing their own DNA with that of the 14th-century German Jews, finding many “matches.” These medieval individuals had DNA fragments shared with thousands of people who have uploaded their DNA sequence to an online database, the same way you share DNA fragments with your relatives.

But what type of a relationship with a medieval person does a shared DNA fragment imply? It turns out, not too much that will help with your family roots research.

We are population geneticists who work with ancient DNA. We understand how exciting it can be to find a genetic link to particular people who lived many generations ago. But these DNA matches aren't the tight ties you may be imagining. Here's how it works.

[ . . . ]

How far back in time does a DNA match still have genealogical meaning? For example, are DNA matches informative in the period between the late Middle Ages and the 17th century? We don't know yet. Future research will be needed to clarify this question, as well as deviations from the simple model of a single, freely mixing population.

In the meantime, as scientists rapidly accumulate more and more historical genome sequences, keep the quirky behavior of human genealogies in mind when interpreting a DNA match.

## RFK Jr. may have missed a major opportunity with his VP pick

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Ron Elving

The person Kennedy had chosen instead seemed to add little by way of stature or visibility for his bid. So most of the immediate comment focused on what she presumably can offer, which is money. Her former husband, Sergey Brin, is a co-founder of Google whose fortune has been estimated at more than \$100 billion. The settlement she received when the couple divorced has not been disclosed but is presumably substantial.

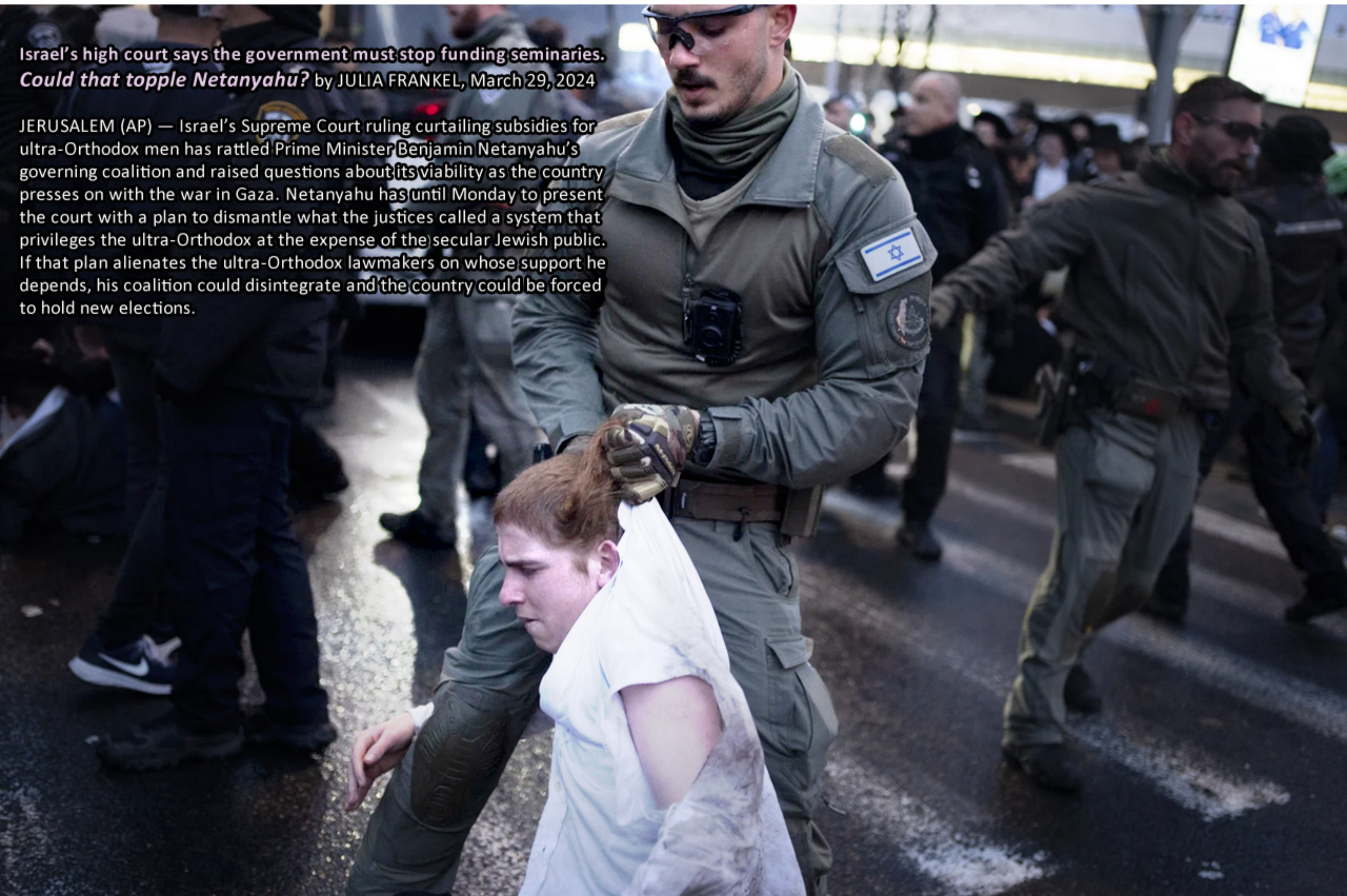


Independent Presidential Candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced attorney, tech entrepreneur and philanthropist Nicole Shanahan to the Kennedy campaign as his vice presidential running mate during an event in Oakland, Calif., on March 26.

Members of Brothers and Sisters in Arms and Bonot Alternativa (Women Building an Alternative) protest Israel's exemptions for ultra-Orthodox Jews from mandatory military service, near the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem, on March 26, 2024. Israel's High Court ruling Thursday to curtail subsidies for ultra-Orthodox men has thrown Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's political future into grave jeopardy. Netanyahu now has until Monday to present the court with a plan to dismantle what the justices called a system that privileges the ultra-Orthodox at the expense of the country's majority. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo, File)

**Israel's high court says the government must stop funding seminaries. Could that topple Netanyahu?** by JULIA FRANKEL, March 29, 2024

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Supreme Court ruling curtailing subsidies for ultra-Orthodox men has rattled Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition and raised questions about its viability as the country presses on with the war in Gaza. Netanyahu has until Monday to present the court with a plan to dismantle what the justices called a system that privileges the ultra-Orthodox at the expense of the secular Jewish public. If that plan alienates the ultra-Orthodox lawmakers on whose support he depends, his coalition could disintegrate and the country could be forced to hold new elections.







## I Could Not Stay Silent: Annelie Sheline Resigns from State Dept. over U.S. Gaza Policy



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A State Department official working on human rights issues in the Middle East resigned Wednesday in protest of U.S. support for Israel's assault on Gaza. Annelie Sheline, who worked as a foreign affairs officer in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, was not planning on publicly resigning, but her colleagues asked her to "please speak out" against the Biden administration's unconditional support for Israel. "At the end of the day, many people inside [the State Department] know that this is a horrific policy, and can't believe that the United States government is engaged in such actions that contravene American values so directly, but the leadership is not listening," says Sheline. "I'm trying to speak on behalf of those many, many people who feel so betrayed by our government's stance." Sheline describes being moved by the words of Aaron Bushnell, the active-duty U.S. airman who set himself on fire outside the Israeli Embassy in protest of the war on Gaza, who implored everyone to take a stand against genocide. "I have a young daughter, and I thought about, in the future, if she were to ask me, 'What were you doing when this was happening? You were at the State Department.' I want to be able to tell her that I didn't stay silent."

A blue graphic with white text. The text reads: "the International Court of Justice has said could plausibly be a genocide in Gaza, such work has become almost impossible. Unable to serve an administration that enables such atrocities, I have decided to resign from my position at the Department of State". Below this is the name "Annelie Sheline" and "Resigned from State Department". At the bottom left is the Democracy Now! logo. On the right side of the graphic is a snippet of a CNN Opinion article titled "Opinion: Why I'm resigning from the State Department" by Annelie Sheline, published on March 27, 2024. The article snippet includes a photo of people on a beach and a quote: "They went into the water and drowned": Gaza resident describes attempts to reach aid. A small CNN logo is also visible.



# Annelie Sheline

## Nonresident Fellow

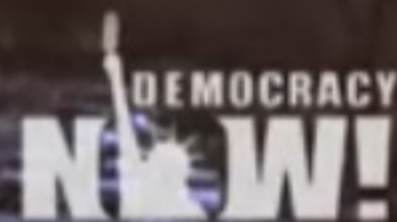
Annelie Sheline, Ph.D., is a nonresident fellow with the Baker Institute Center for the Middle East, as well as a research fellow for the Middle East at the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. Her research focuses on religious authority in the Middle East, specifically the intersection of religious and national identities in the Arab monarchies.

She analyzes the implications of combating violent extremism and encouraging religious tolerance in Jordan, Morocco, Oman and Saudi Arabia. In addition to academic writing, her public commentary has appeared in The Washington Post, The Global Post and Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs. Sheline received her doctorate from George Washington University's department of political science and her bachelor's degree from New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Study.



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**Bobulate:**

bob (of a pendulum, the movement of swinging to and fro) - here and there - to get someone confused.

**Combobulate:**

To put together in order. To bring something out of a state of confusion or disarray.

**Discombobulate:**

characterized by confusion or disorder.

If you're living rough and you're without and you ask for shelter or food, it comes with a price. They'll want to convert, reform you, proselytize. That's why I like to hand out cash to my people, so they have autonomy. No questions asked. They can have their head, their own space, their own choice. At least for a moment, a moment's rest, free of the nagging.

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**Discombobulate**

(dis-com-bob-u-late)

(v) To throw into a state of confusion. To disconcert, upset, perplex or frustrate.



MIDDLE EAST CRISIS — EXPLAINED

## 21 years after her death in Gaza, Palestinians remember U.S. activist Rachel Corrie

The 23-year-old was crushed by an Israeli army bulldozer as she protested the demolition of homes in Gaza in 2003. Her memory remains cherished among Palestinians, including the family she lived with.



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A group gathering in Qaryut village southeast of Nablus, West Bank, on March 15, 2015, plant an olive tree as they mark the 12th anniversary of the death of U.S. activist Rachel Corrie, who died when she was crushed by an Israeli bulldozer in the Gaza Strip on March 16, 2003.

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## Sikhs in California vote on independence from India

After stops in Europe and Canada, the nonbinding Khalistan referendum is rolling out in the U.S., where an estimated half-million Sikhs live, many of them in California.



Sandhya Dirks/NPR

Sikhs are an ethno-religious group who come originally from what is now the Indian state of Punjab. There are an estimated half a million Sikhs in America, many of them based in California.

When asked if he is afraid of being targeted or killed, Sikh for Justice's coordinator Avtar Singh Pannu says no, because "everyone dies someday." But, he says, everyone should also have the right to self determination.

"We believe ballot," he says. "We don't believe bullet, and this is how we stand for that."

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## ***swarm of bees attack a drunk man***



A swarm of bees attack a drunk man during celebrations marking Holi, the Hindu festival of colors, in Guwahati, India, Monday, March 25, 2024. (AP Photo/Anupam Nath)

# THE WAR AT STANFORD

I didn't know that college would be a factory of unreason.

By Theo Baker

Theo Baker is a sophomore at Stanford  
and the winner of a 2022 George Polk Award in Journalism

**O**NE OF THE SECTION LEADERS for my computer-science class, Hamza El Boudali, believes that President Joe Biden should be killed. “I’m not calling for a civilian to do it, but I think a military should,” the 23-year-old Stanford University student told a small group of protesters last month. “I’d be happy if Biden was dead.” He thinks that Stanford is complicit in what he calls the genocide of Palestinians, and that Biden is not only complicit but responsible for it. “I’m not calling for a vigilante to do it,” he later clarified, “but I’m saying he is guilty of mass murder and should be treated in the same way that a terrorist with darker skin would be (and we all know terrorists with dark skin are typically bombed and drone struck by American planes).” El Boudali has also said that he believes that Hamas’s October 7 attack was a justifiable act of resistance, and that he would actually prefer Hamas rule America in place of its current government (though he clarified later that he “doesn’t mean Hamas is perfect”). When you ask him what his cause is, he answers: “Peace.”



**I switched to a different computer-science section.**

Israel is 7,500 miles away from Stanford’s campus, where I am a sophomore. But the Hamas invasion and the Israeli counterinvasion have fractured my university, a place typically less focused on geopolitics than on venture-capital funding for the latest dorm-based tech start-up. Few students would call for Biden’s head—I think—but many of the same young people who say they want peace in Gaza don’t seem to realize that they are in fact advocating for violence. Extremism has swept through classrooms and dorms, and it is becoming normal for students to be harassed and intimidated for their faith, heritage, or appearance—they have been called perpetrators of genocide for wearing kippahs, and accused of supporting terrorism for wearing keffiyehs. The extremism and anti-Semitism at Ivy League universities on the East Coast have attracted so much media and congressional attention that two Ivy presidents have lost their jobs. But few people seem to have noticed the culture war that has taken over our California campus.



20:25 > everybody that took LSD felt that they were undergoing enormous personal changes they weren't the same person after having LSD and there was a scientific study it was done by a Rand scientist and in 1966 he published his findings and what he said was even though all of these people said that they felt enormous changes had taken place the personality test showed that they were **largely the same person in every area but one**, and this was called **The Ways to Live Scale**. The Ways to Live Scale indicated that one dose of LSD stimulated enormous changes, whereas the person taking the test might have said it's important for me to get a corporate job ,it's important for me to have a good car, after one dose of LSD they were saying ,I think maybe a contemplative lifestyle might be what. I'd like to travel before settling down. I think maybe I want to look for some spiritual value in my life. Things totally changed around the LSD trip.

## Love Or Hate Hippies From The 1960s Here Is The Best Documentary To Understand Them

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**Hippies.** The word seems to provoke people one way or the other. There are so many comments on my channel regarding people who "hate" hippies although mostly, what they are talking about, isn't about hippies at all. The hippies my team found when we were making our television series on the 1960s for primetime PBS (it aired on TV in 1991) were not political. They avoided politics. They also avoided for the most part cities. They were part of the counterculture. They mostly lived in the countryside. They provoked a national interest in organic food etc. Smoked dope for sure. Did a lot of other strange things and probably for the most part had loose free sex relationships. But they weren't the ones who for example, spit at returning Vietnam soldiers at the various airports of the United States. A very small group of political radicals did that who were aggressive and sometimes violent. Hippies had philosophies which many just went along with but some created. Aggressive behavior was disapproved of even if only spoken. Hippie clothing was unique. Fabrics were "natural". Art was very flowery some of the time. Travel through America and traveling the world to other hippie centers was a part of life. When the city got too hard, you went to the countryside. There were many hippie behaviors based on values and ethics and then repeated by people who wanted to be part of the community. Was it a cult? Some of the time. Was it a movement? Some of the time. Was it just teenagers not wanting to grow up – having a good time – living off the land or off mommy and daddy's money? Some of the time.

I interviewed many hippies or as some of them call themselves "x hippies" for my television series and for other films that I have made and most like that they were part of that generation and that movement. Some became practicing born-again Christians. Some became farmers. Some became stockbrokers and businessmen. Some teachers and social workers. To categorize their actions after the 60s as any one thing is incorrect (such as that they are all greedy business people today). I am very proud of the TV series I made for PBS called Making Sense of the Sixties. I had the chance to spend a year examining my youth and how I became an active member of the 60s generation. If you are from that generation or a child of the 60s, I think you would find the entire series of value.

A quote from Hesiod in the 8th Century BC *"I see no hope for the future of our people if they are dependent on frivolous youth of today, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words. When I was young, we were taught to be discreet and respectful of elders, but the present youth are exceedingly disrespectful and impatient of restraint"*





## These Teenage Baby Boomers DIDN'T Rebel In The '60s. They Were Rich & Privileged



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In this video I am presenting clips from the classic 1966 documentary "Sixteen At Webster Groves - Webster Groves Missouri. It was produced by filmmaker Arthur Barron who I was honored to work for on several of his films. Webster Groves is clearly not typical as its teenagers were upper-middle-class and richer. Remember that about 40% of the huge baby boomer generation say that they participated in the activities of the 1960s. This video presents the views of a portion of the 60% who didn't participate and who essentially looked forward to living just like their parents did. I would not call them typical teenagers but they are certainly representative of a group who was just fine in the 1950s. Many commentators talk about the fact that they would rather have lived during this time and then one of these people then to live in today's world which they see as trash relative to how these people lived. Although I did not spend much time working on this production, I did some film work with upper middle-class white 1960s baby boomer era teenagers and their attitudes and behavior we're not dissimilar from what teenagers felt in the 1950s in the suburban white "American dream" middle class. There were many rebels who looked like other teenagers at that time but were not. I remember a conversation that I had with the producer where he said that in this community, there seem to be almost no rebels.



## Baby Boomers Shed Tears When They Remember The 1960s



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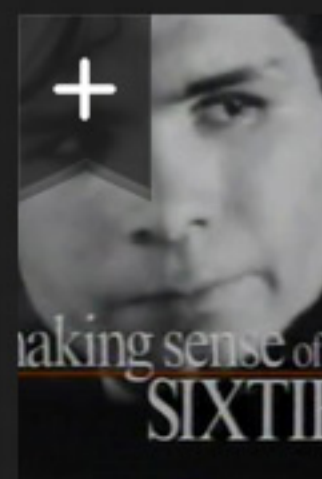
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This is a portion from the 6th episode of my PBS television series on the 1960s, Making Sense Of The Sixties. Fascinating to talk to folks who lived it and are now reflecting on it and what has happened since. Whatever you think about the 60s, the generation who experienced that time sees it like the World War II generation sees the war. Extremely powerful in their lives.

## Making Sense of the Sixties

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# Protesters Disrupt Record \$25 Million Biden Fundraiser in NYC as Thousands March Against Gaza War

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**Pro-Palestine protesters** disrupted the largest one-night fundraiser in presidential campaign history on Thursday. The event at Radio City Music Hall in New York City included numerous celebrities and featured President Biden alongside former presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, raising a record \$25 million for Biden's reelection campaign. The main event was an onstage conversation with the three U.S. presidents moderated by late-night talk show host Stephen Colbert, but people began disrupting it just 10 minutes into their conversation, as Biden was talking, with protesters calling on the president to stop arming Israel and to enforce a ceasefire in Gaza. Meanwhile, thousands of protesters were also massed outside the venue to protest the Biden administration's support for Israel's assault on Gaza. We play voices from inside and outside the event.



"The Democratic Party is where hope goes to die!"



I Could Not Stay Silent: Anelle Sheline Resigns from State Dept. over U.S. Gaza Policy

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**I keep taking snapshots** with my phone forgetting that it's a wider angled lens than the human eye. I think I'm capturing the moon and I end up with a speck of sparkle behind the giant pine tree.

Why should the human population have any less shapes and sizes than the animals at the San Diego zoo? We live in a zoo too.



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Mission Valley Mall looking East





## How federal tax dollars meant to fight climate change could end up boosting Louisiana's fossil fuel production

Ned Randolph, Tulane University

Carbon capture technology is now being used as a rationale to maintain **oil and gas production**. Critics argue that using carbon capture as a transition technology will divert billions of dollars in federal resources away from more proven renewable energy development and require building thousands of miles of specialized oil and gas pipelines.



## Looking to photograph a solar eclipse with your smartphone? Try these features and think about creative angles

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## Is this the least productive congress ever? Yes, but it's not just because they're lazy

Charlie Hunt, Boise State University



## Undersea cables are the unseen backbone of the global internet

Robin Chataut, Quinnipiac University



## Hospice care for those with dementia falls far short of meeting people's needs at the end of life

Maria J. Silveira, University of Michigan



## Alabama court's ruling that embryos are children opens up a host of other legal issues, including parental rights

Dara E. Purvis, Penn State

**Lawmakers** introduced about as much legislation as usual, but due to 2023's leadership chaos, along with the seemingly never-ending battles over the federal budget, very little of this legislation is getting any attention, much less votes on its final passage.

The recent Red Sea incident shows that help for these connectivity challenges might lie above rather than below. After cables were compromised in the region, satellite operators used their networks to reroute internet traffic. Undersea cables are likely to continue carrying the vast majority of the world's **internet traffic** for the foreseeable future, but a blended approach that uses both undersea cables and satellites could provide a measure of protection against cable cuts.

# World Central Kitchen pauses Gaza operations after workers killed in airstrike

UPDATED APRIL 2, 2024 · 5:02 AM ET ⓘ

By James Hider



People gather around the wreckage of a car used by the U.S.-based aid group World Central Kitchen on April 2, 2024, that was hit by an airstrike the previous day in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip.

-/AFP via Getty Images

"The Israeli government needs to stop this indiscriminate killing," Andrés said on X. "It needs to stop restricting humanitarian aid, stop killing civilians and aid workers, and stop using food as a weapon. No more innocent lives lost. Peace starts with our shared humanity. It needs to start now."

The World Central Kitchen, the international food charity founded by chef José Andrés, announced early on Tuesday that it was pausing aid operations after it said an Israeli airstrike killed seven of the organization's workers in Gaza. The organization said its workers had been traveling in a "deconflicted zone" in two armored cars carrying the WCK logo and a soft skin vehicle. It said that despite organizing travel with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), the convoy was hit as it was leaving a warehouse in Deir al-Balah in central Gaza. The Israeli military said in a statement it is investigating the report "at the highest levels to understand the circumstances of this tragic incident." Tuesday, Israeli military spokesperson Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said in a videotaped statement, "we will share our findings transparently." In its statement, WCK said the seven killed are from Australia, Poland, United Kingdom, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Canada, and Palestine.

**"This is not only an attack against WCK, this is an attack on humanitarian organizations showing up in the most dire of situations where food is being used as a weapon of war," WCK CEO Erin Gore said. "This is unforgivable."**

The renowned Spanish-born chef said in a statement on X: "Today, @WCK lost several of our brothers and sisters in an IDF air strike in Gaza. I am heartbroken and grieving for the families and friends and our whole WCK family."

Speaking at a Tuesday news conference, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the death of an Australian aid worker was unacceptable. "The truth is that this is beyond any reasonable circumstances that someone going about providing aid and humanitarian assistance should lose their life," Albanese said. World Central Kitchen operates in crisis areas around the globe. It had begun delivering food and aid to Gaza as U.N. experts and aid groups warn that large swaths of the population are suffering from malnutrition and thousands of people, particularly in the north of Gaza, are at risk of imminent famine. Last week, the International Court of Justice issued an order that Israel – which denies the reports of food shortages – should ensure sufficient aid gets into Gaza. A Palestinian paramedic who was on the team that brought the aid workers' bodies to the hospital told The Associated Press that the WCK volunteers had been driving in a three-car convoy that had been delivering aid to northern Gaza and were headed back to the south when an Israeli missile struck. The medic, Mahmoud Thabet, said they headed back to Rafah, where more than a million displaced Gazans are sheltering close to Gaza's southern border with Egypt. Footage that The Associated Press said was from the Al-Aqsa Hospital in central Gaza showed at least four bodies, some wearing protective body armor and one wearing a T-shirt with the WCK logo on it. Hospital staff said the passports of the dead indicated one of them was British, another Australian and one Polish. The nationality of the fourth was not immediately clear. Other reports indicated a Palestinian driver from the Gaza Strip was also killed. Andrés mourned the loss of his colleagues and denounced Israeli policy in the isolated

Stock in the parent company of Donald Trump's social media company fizzled on Monday, reversing last week's big gains. Early enthusiasm didn't last. The stock fell more than 6% last Thursday and another 21% on Monday.





# A federal judge says migrants can sue the company that flew them to Martha's Vineyard

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By Greg Allen



Venezuelan migrants gather at the Vineyard Haven ferry terminal in Martha's Vineyard. The group was transported to Joint Base Cape Cod in Buzzards Bay.

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**Migrants on Martha's Vineyard flight say they were told they were going to Boston**



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**After migrants arrived in Martha's Vineyard, a community gathered to welcome them**



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**Migrants sent to Martha's Vineyard are being rehoused on a base in Cape Cod**

MIAMI — A federal judge in Boston has ruled that migrants flown from Texas to Martha's Vineyard in 2022 can proceed with a lawsuit against the Florida company that took them there. The judge also dismissed claims against Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and other officials named in the suit.

Three migrants from Venezuela, along with an immigrant rights group, filed the lawsuit. They say that Florida's governor, others in his administration and an air transport company conspired to mislead them and deprive them of their civil rights when they recruited and flew them to Martha's Vineyard in 2022. In their lawsuit, the migrants, identified as Yanet, Pablo and Jesus say they were told they were going to Massachusetts, but didn't know their final destination was Martha's Vineyard until shortly before landing.

The plaintiffs say a videographer hired by the DeSantis administration recorded them arriving and boarding vans. But apart from the videographer and van drivers, the plaintiffs say no one else in Martha's Vineyard had any advance notice of their arrival.

In her order, U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs says the case can proceed against the air transport company, Vertol. Judge Burroughs dismissed claims against Gov. DeSantis and other members of his administration out of jurisdictional concerns, but did so "without prejudice." That means the legal team representing the migrants can seek to bring DeSantis and others back into the case as it goes forward.

In the 77-page filing, Judge Burroughs had harsh words for those involved in the scheme. "Vertol and the other Defendants here were not legitimately enforcing any immigration laws," she wrote, adding, "the Court sees no legitimate purpose for rounding up highly vulnerable individuals on false pretenses and publicly injecting them into a divisive national debate."

Lawyers for Civil Rights, which represents the migrants, called the ruling "a major victory in the Martha's Vineyard case, and it sends a crucial message: private companies can — and will — be held accountable for helping rogue state actors violate the rights of vulnerable immigrants through illegal and fraudulent schemes."

But Brian Kelly, a lawyer representing Vertol said, "We are pleased that most of the case has now been dismissed and believe the Lawyers for Civil Rights are once again mistaken in their analysis of the situation."

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



**Harvard says it has removed human skin from the binding of a 19th century book**



**Newspaper edits its column about LSU-UCLA game after Tigers coach Kim Mulkey blasted it as sexist**



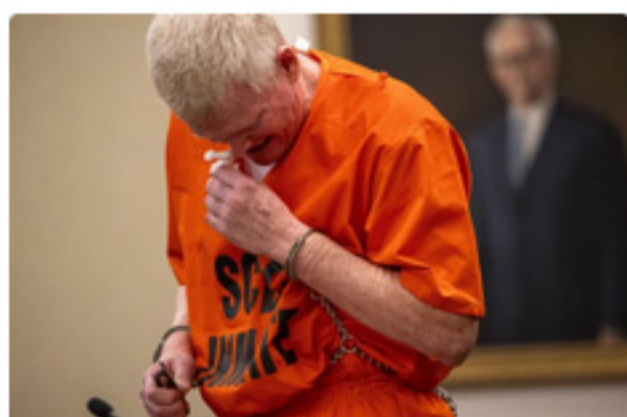
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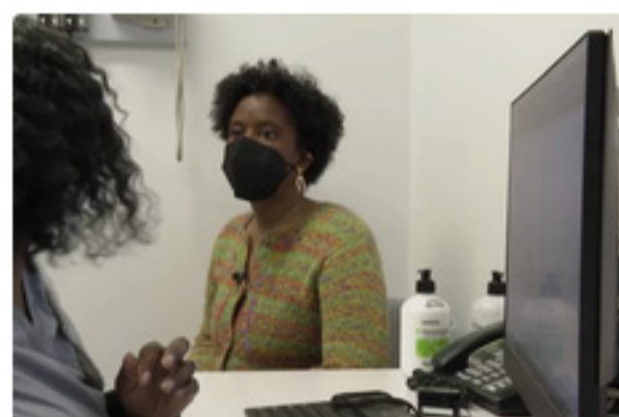
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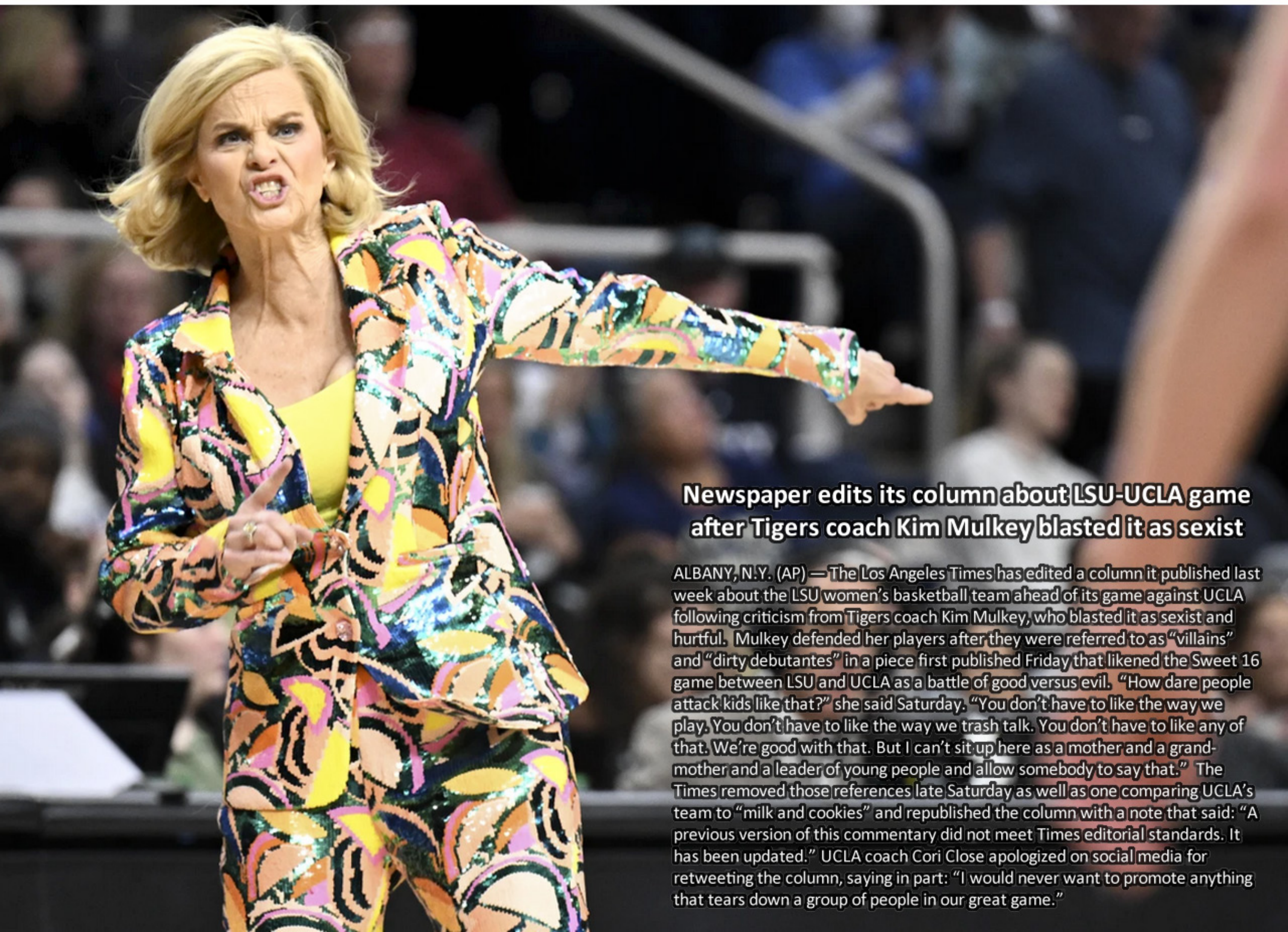


**A biased test kept thousands of Black people from getting a kidney transplant. It's finally changing**



**AT&T says a data breach leaked millions of customers' information online. Were you affected?**

LSU head coach Kim Mulkey reacts during the second quarter of a Sweet Sixteen round college basketball game against the UCLA during the NCAA Tournament, Saturday, March 30, 2024, in Albany, N.Y. (AP Photo/Hans Pennink)



## Newspaper edits its column about LSU-UCLA game after Tigers coach Kim Mulkey blasted it as sexist

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Los Angeles Times has edited a column it published last week about the LSU women's basketball team ahead of its game against UCLA following criticism from Tigers coach Kim Mulkey, who blasted it as sexist and hurtful. Mulkey defended her players after they were referred to as "villains" and "dirty debutantes" in a piece first published Friday that likened the Sweet 16 game between LSU and UCLA as a battle of good versus evil. "How dare people attack kids like that?" she said Saturday. "You don't have to like the way we play. You don't have to like the way we trash talk. You don't have to like any of that. We're good with that. But I can't sit up here as a mother and a grandmother and a leader of young people and allow somebody to say that." The Times removed those references late Saturday as well as one comparing UCLA's team to "milk and cookies" and republished the column with a note that said: "A previous version of this commentary did not meet Times editorial standards. It has been updated." UCLA coach Cori Close apologized on social media for retweeting the column, saying in part: "I would never want to promote anything that tears down a group of people in our great game."



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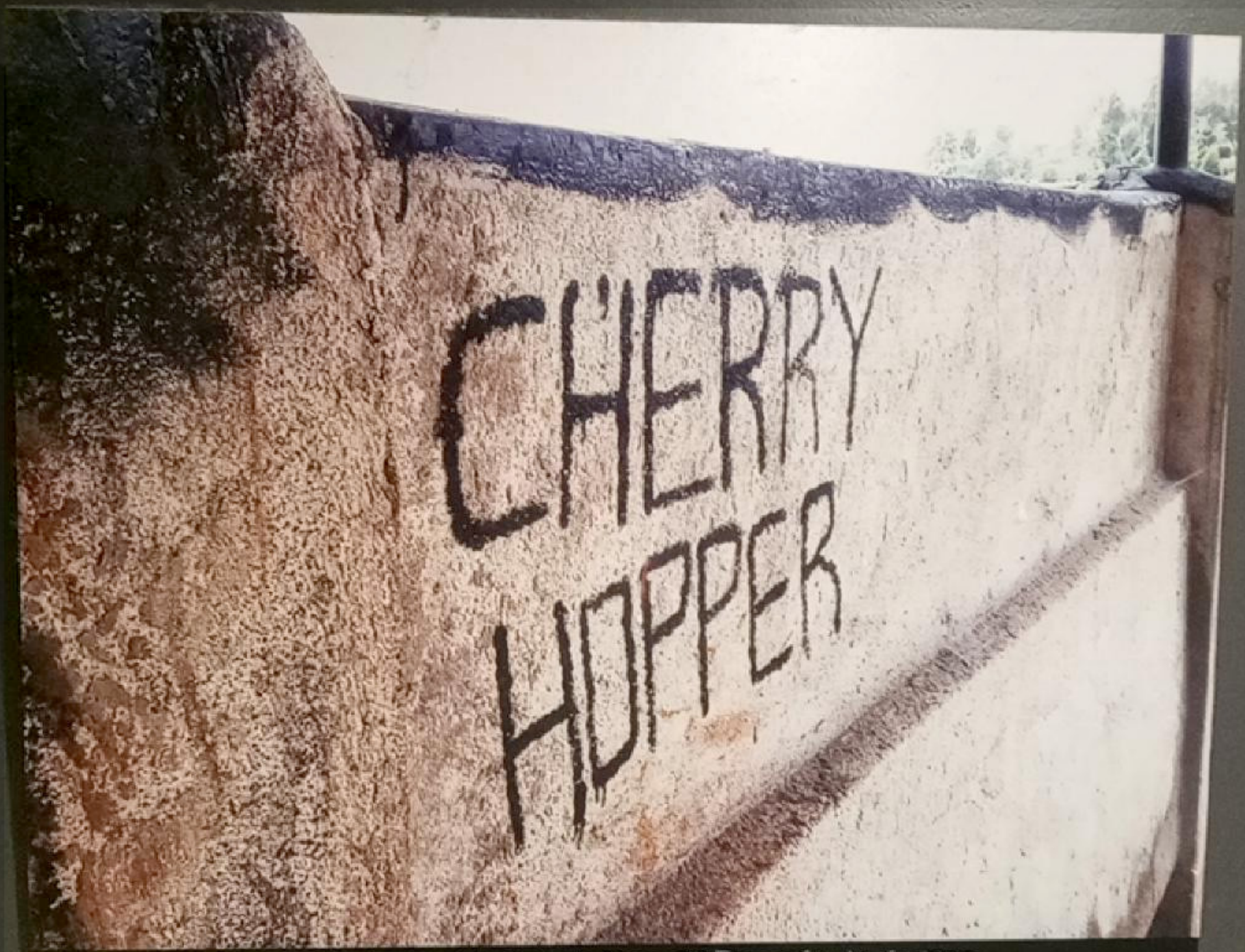


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**Do I look like a therapist to you?**

If this had been a real drug deal, I would have had you go around to the back of the hospital.





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## Wisconsin's 'uninstructed' voters send Biden a strong message on the war in Gaza

UPDATED APRIL 3, 2024 · 8:07 AM ET

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By Padmananda Rama, Chuck Quirnbach



Halah Ahmad of Listen to Wisconsin speaks to supporters of the "uninstructed" movement in Milwaukee on Tuesday evening after polls closed in Wisconsin's presidential primary.

Chuck Quirnbach/WUWM

The movement to protest President Biden at the primary ballot box in response to his handling of the war in Gaza exceeded its own expectations in Wisconsin on Tuesday.

With more than 90 percent of the votes counted, the "uninstructed" option on Democratic presidential primary ballots has garnered more than 47,000 votes, according to results from The Associated Press. That's just over 8 percent of the Democratic presidential primary vote counted so far.

The organizers behind these movements are counting this year's results as a win that could have a meaningful impact, especially in what is expected to be a highly competitive race between Biden and former President Donald Trump.

## SPOTLIGHT

**Invaders from underground are coming in cicada-geddon. It's the biggest bug emergence in centuries**

Trillions of evolution's bizarre wonders, red-eyed periodical cicadas, are about to emerge in numbers not seen in decades and possibly centuries.

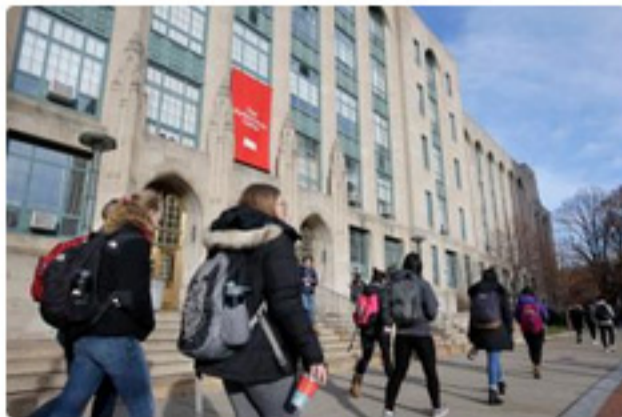


A periodical cicada nymph is held in Macon, Ga., Wednesday, March 27, 2024. This periodical cicada nymph was found while digging holes for rosebushes. Trillions of cicadas are about to emerge in numbers not seen in decades and possibly centuries.(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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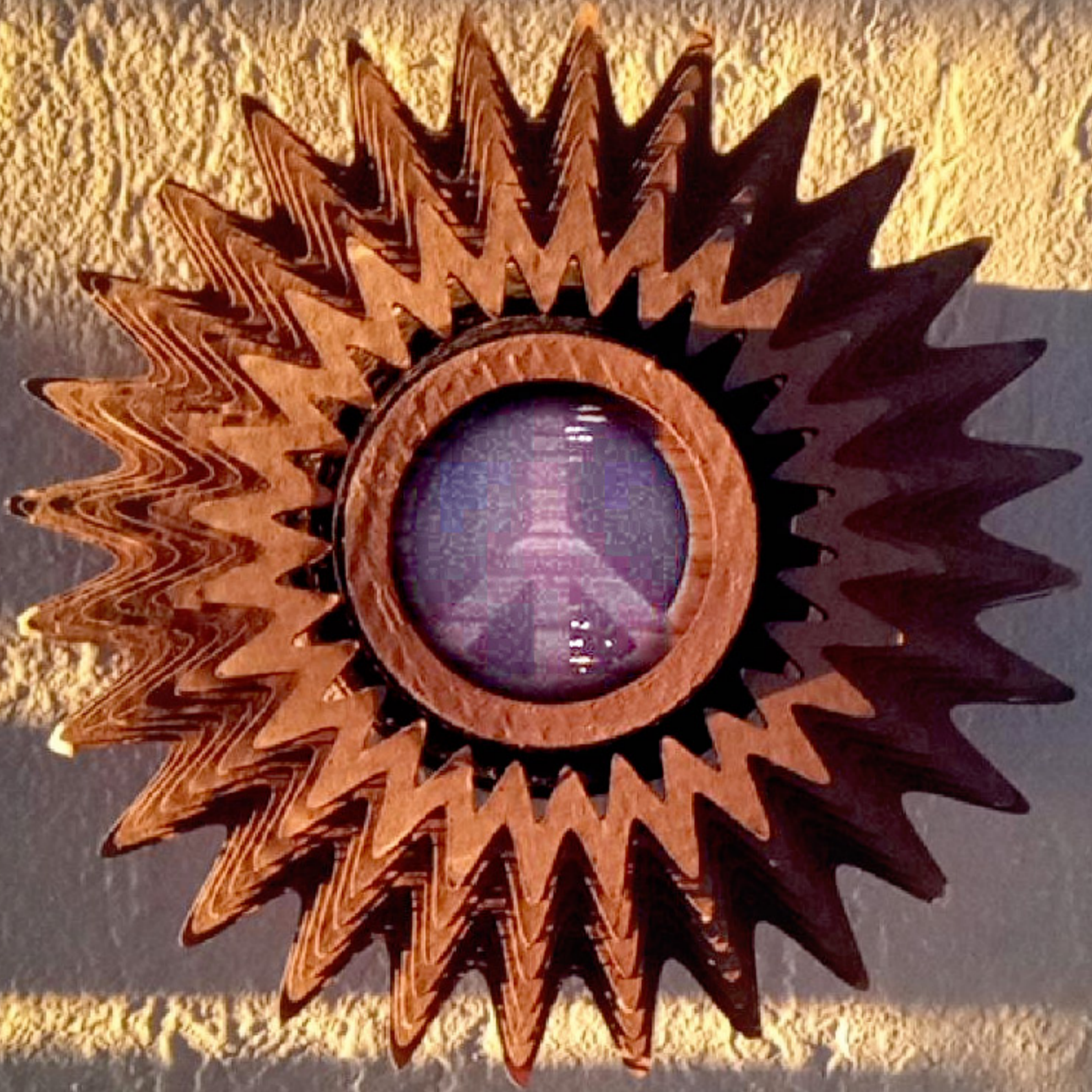
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**A young mother** sits precariously in a lawn chair under a beach umbrella at an exit of Fashion Valley Mall onto Friars Road holding a contented baby next to a bucket of long stem red roses. I roll down my window and hand her the \$20 bill I wish I had given to the young hijab wearing mother huddled with kids holding signs of desperate need outside the Hillcrest Whole Foods on Friday, who so sweetly thanked and wished us a happy Easter as I gave her a five. "No flowers, please." Stunned, the proud vendor, not a beggar, plaintively replies, "No, please, please take flowers." I can't tell if it's a Spanish or Arabic accent. I say no, no, please, no. As I'm driving away she tosses a stem wrapped in clear plastic into the passenger seat of the car empathically exclaiming in a language I don't understand. She has meticulously cut off every thorn. I resign to take her gift home to give to my beloved, as a reminder. My wife tells me I too need to learn to receive more graciously. Let others give what they can.





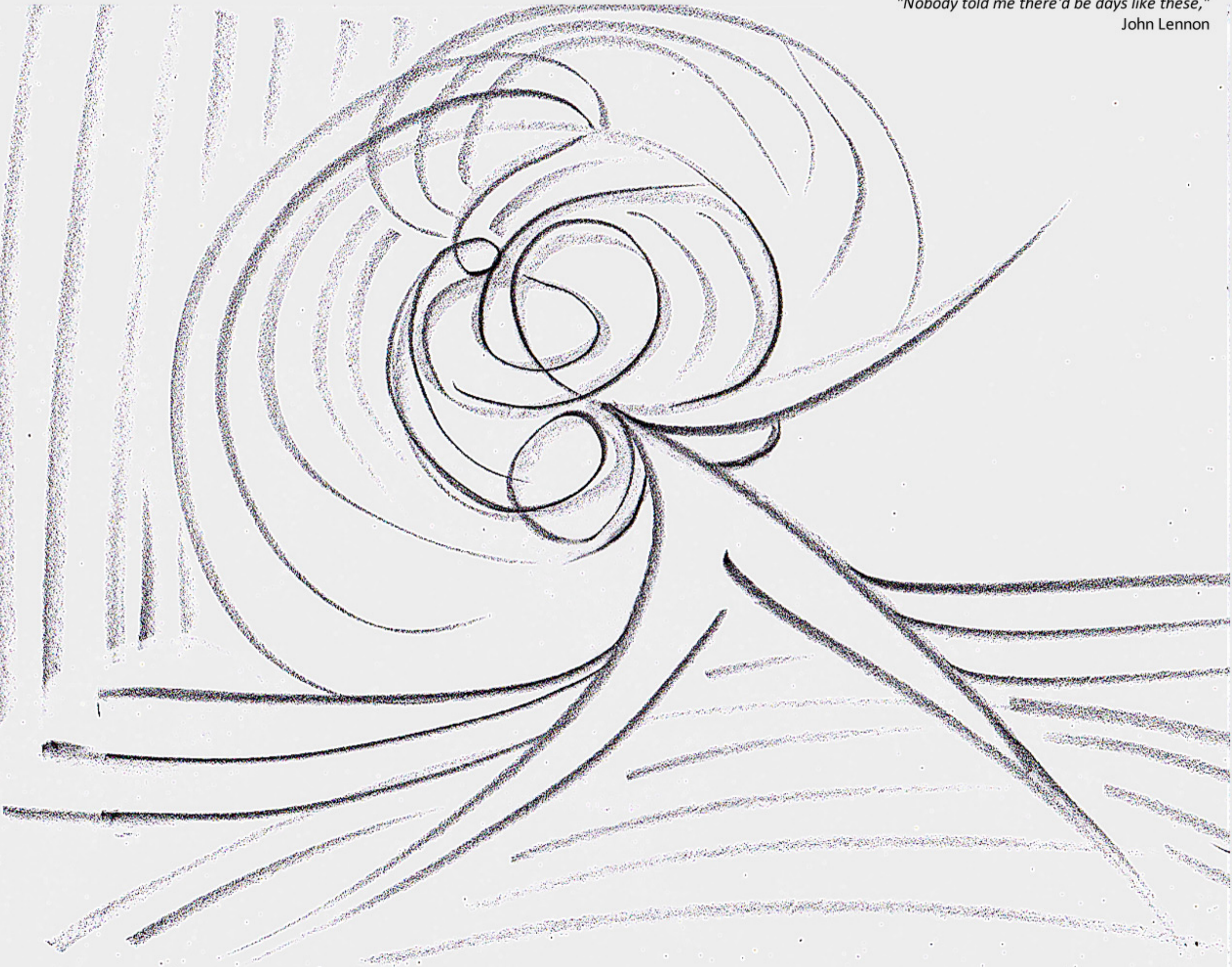
*"After I dropped out, I tried to develop a cooperative game of tennis, like synchronized swimming. But couldn't get it to hold the crowds' interest the way gladiator sports do. "*

*"No worries, it's not you . . . even Esther Williams only held the audiences attention for a few minutes!"*





*"Nobody told me there'd be days like these,"*  
John Lennon





The Yoders, like their retired friends, report a sense of often being unseen.

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RETIREMENT ROOKIES

# We're Old, Retired—and Apparently Invisible

In recent years, it seems that young people don't even see us. Are we imagining things?

By *Karen Kreider Yoder and Stephen Kreider Yoder* [Follow](#)

April 3, 2024 10:00 am ET

The first couple of years in retirement are often the most difficult. But they also can set the stage for how you'll fill the years ahead—both financially and psychologically. Stephen Kreider Yoder, 66, a longtime Wall Street Journal editor, joined his wife, Karen Kreider Yoder, 67, in retirement in late 2022. In this monthly Retirement Rookies column, they chronicle some of the issues they are dealing with early in retirement.

Old people, even famous old people talk about becoming invisible. No one hears them, except other invisible old people. It's an inescapable club to which you don't sign up, you live on . . . until your light goes out.



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## The Stealth Senior Woman: Invisibility Is My New Super ...

Oct 21, 2017 — **Invisibility** is my new superpower. It allows me to walk in the world, unafraid and untethered by any expectations. Even in the **age** of non-stop ...



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## The Invisibility of Older Women

Feb 27, 2019 — As **they age**, women experience less public scrutiny—and entertain a wider set of choices about when and how **they** are seen. By Akiko Busch.



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## Supermodel Paulina Porizkova on aging: 'The older ...

Apr 19, 2021 — Paulina Porizkova **talks aging** and why she feels **invisible** as a woman in her 50s.



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## On Aging and Visibility

According to the findings, 70% of women believe **they become "invisible"** as **they get older**, starting at around **age 52**. Furthermore, around 64% feel that women ...



**Rich lists**

# All billionaires under 30 have inherited their wealth, research finds

**Fifteen young billionaires are among the first wave of a \$5.2tn transfer of wealth by the ageing super-rich**

**Rupert Neate** *Wealth correspondent*

Wed 3 Apr 2024 14.08 EDT

All of the world's billionaires younger than 30 inherited their wealth, the first wave of "the great wealth transfer" in which more than 1,000 wealthy people are expected to pass on more than \$5.2tn (£4.1tn) to their heirs over the next two decades. There are already more billionaires than ever before (2,781), and the number is expected to soar in the coming years as an elderly generation of super-rich people prepare to give their fortunes to their children. Research by Forbes magazine found there were 15 billionaires aged 30 or under but that none had created their own wealth, instead benefitting from huge inheritances.

Among them are Ireland's Firoz Mistry, 27, and his brother Zahan, 25, who each have an estimated \$4.9bn from their stakes in Tata Sons, the parent company of the Indian conglomerate Tata Group, which owns car brands including Jaguar Land Rover. They inherited their 4.6% stakes in the company in 2022 after the death of their father, Cyrus Mistry, who died less than three months after their grandfather Pallonji. Three children of Leonardo Del Vecchio, the founder of the luxury sunglasses company Luxottica, became billionaires after his death in 2022. Leonardo Maria, 28, Luca, 22, and Clemente Del Vecchio, 19, each inherited a 12.5% stake in the family's Luxembourg-based holding company Delfin, which owns nearly a third of EssilorLuxottica, the company behind Ray-Ban and Oakley. The siblings have a fortune estimated to be worth \$4.7bn each.

The world's youngest billionaire is Livia Voigt, 19, who has a \$1.1bn fortune thanks to a 3.1% stake in WEG Industries, a Brazilian electrical equipment producer co-founded by her grandfather Werner Ricardo. He died in 2016. Her older sister Dora Voigt de Assis, 26, is also on the list. Experts at the Swiss bank UBS said: "During the next 20 to 30 years, over 1,000 of today's billionaires are likely to transfer more than \$5.2tn to their heirs. How do we calculate this number? Simply by adding up the wealth of the 1,023 billionaires who are aged 70 or more today. "Looking to the longer term, the exceptional wealth resulting from the boom in entrepreneurial activity since the 1990s has established a foundation for future generations of billionaire families."

The richest person on the planet is the majority owner of the luxury goods conglomerate LVMH, Bernard Arnault. He is 75 and has recently promoted his children to key roles in the business. Arnault has an estimated fortune of \$233bn, a 10% increase on last year.

Charles Koch, the elder of the US billionaire industrialist brothers, is 88. Phil Knight, the billionaire co-founder of Nike, is 86.

**A total of \$70tn is expected to be inherited by the next generation over the next 20 years, according to estimates by the consulting firm Cerulli Associates. The transfer is expected to make millennials the "richest generation in history",** says research by the real estate agent Knight Frank.

One of the youngest billionaires to have made – rather than inherited – their fortune is Ben Francis, 31, the British founder of athleisure brand Gymshark. His wealth is estimated at \$1.3bn.

*This article was amended on 3 April 2024 to remove a mistaken reference to Charles Koch's younger brother David, who died in 2019.*

'We were targeted deliberately': Chef Jose Andres said the World Central Kitchen charity group he founded had clear communication with the Israeli military, which he said knew his aid workers' movements [reut.rs/4am94Hm](https://reut.rs/4am94Hm)



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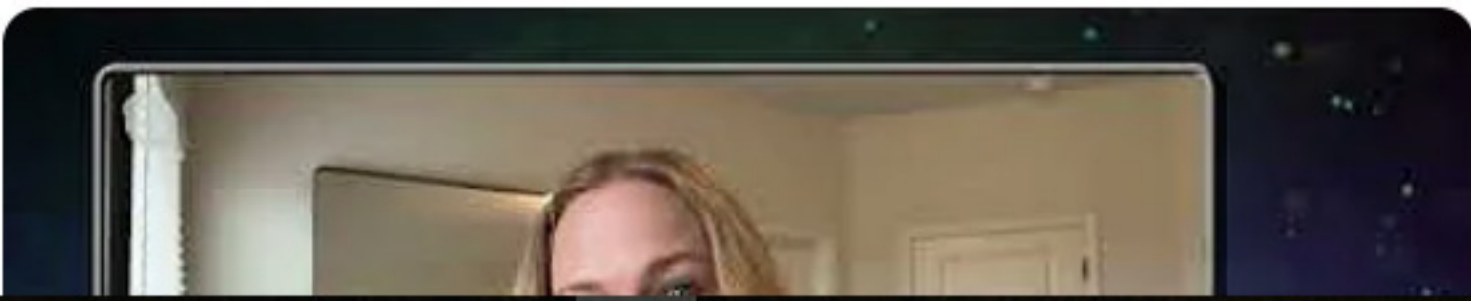
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The annual Blessing of the Animals dates back to Olvera Street's founding in 1930.

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A woman holds her dog as Archbishop Gomez gives a blessing with holy water at the annual Blessing of the Animals.

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Sonja Rideout named her conures Jodeci and Corny Collins after the 90s R&B group and a character from "Hairspray."  
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Juan Manuel Guerrero has been coming to the Blessing of the Animals for 16 years.

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## Can you tell who's lying and why?

### Here's what we found after Israel's raid on Al-Shifa, Gaza's biggest hospital

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Israel's military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, praised the troops and the operation, saying that the raid will be studied at top military academies like West Point in the U.S. and Sandhurst in the U.K. as the "gold standard for urban warfare."

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"The Al-Shifa Medical Complex is out of service forever," Abu Saada, its acting chairman, told reporters.



## Dorothee Sölle

the German liberation theologian who coined the term "*Christofascism*"

*"One nation under God."* —Catholic, age 30-49

*"Nothing at all, just misguided people."* —Religious none, age 65+

*"White supremacists and male superiority."* —Religious none, age 50-64

*"Using Christian text to defend nationalistic beliefs."* —Religious none, age 18-29

*"Fascism, and a hatred of women and other races and religions."* —Jewish, age 50-64

*"The nation and its laws should follow the teachings of Jesus Christ."* —Catholic, age 30-49

*"Using Christian beliefs and morals to guide political decisions."* —Protestant, not born-again/evangelical, age 30-49

*"Abuse of the Christian faith, putting politics & religion on an equal base."* —Born-again/evangelical Protestant, age 65+

*"White evangelicals who want to take & assert political power to create a White Christian nation."* —Jewish, age 30-49

**Liberation theologian Dorothee Sölle**, 2024 remakes the neologism, "**Christofascist**" you coined in 1970, remind me.

Remind me at the intersection between fascism and Christianity, of the expressed concern that the worship of God in Christ not divide Christian from Jew, man from woman, clergy from laity, white from black, or rich from poor . . . Christian from Christian, me from you. Warn me, before it's too late — like that call for a ceasefire in Gaza today is too late, and if not, don't let it be too little — remind me of all dictatorial attempts to place Christ at the center of social life and history is in its "Christofascist" heart preparing society for an American fascism is too little too late. Remind me.

Public attention to the concept of "Christian nationalism" has grown rapidly in the past few years. Google Trends data shows a significant rise in searches for the term following the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, and searches for the term peaked in July 2022 after Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., declared in an interview that "We need to be the party of nationalism and I'm a Christian, and I say it proudly, we should be Christian nationalists." Several other religious and political leaders also recently have embraced the "Christian nationalist" label.

Despite this growing attention, less is known about how the U.S. public views Christian nationalism. The survey finds that more than half of all U.S. adults (54%) have not heard or read anything about Christian nationalism. An additional 16% of Americans have heard at least "a little" about Christian nationalism but say they have neither a favorable nor unfavorable view of it, or that they don't know enough to take a position. And about one-quarter of all Americans (24%) express an unfavorable view of Christian nationalism, while 5% view it favorably.

## #Exvangelical coined by hashtager Blake Chastain in 2016, remind me.

Remind me of your social movement of people who have left evangelicalism, especially white evangelical churches in the United States, for atheism, agnosticism, progressive Christianity, or any other religious belief, or lack thereof. Warn of these prodigals departure in light of their experiences of homophobia, rejection of LGBT and abortion rights, misogyny, and racism in evangelicalism, to skepticism toward the Church's moral and social teachings, to a personal crisis of faith, or to sexual abuse in a religious setting, particularly if the abuse was covered up. The movement catalyzed by Evangelicals' enthusiastic embrace of Donald Trump, and his perceived lack of "values fit" with Evangelicals' nominal beliefs. Over issues such as science and fact based evidence — DNA evidence found at a crime scene, the Diary of Anne Frank.

Exvangelical women often reject being held responsible for men's thoughts, and resent the disproportionately harsh punishments women face for sexual sins. Both men and women report difficulty living up to their church's expectations, and surprise at the hypocrisy of church officials who do not live up to (or do not appear to believe in) their own sexual standards. Linda Kay Klein writes that treating all girls as potential "stumbling blocks" for evangelical men results a cycle of fear and shame, which she and other girls experienced in secret. Joshua Harris apologizing I Kissed Dating Goodbye, withdrawing it from publication, announcing that he was no longer a Christian, describing his experience as a "deconstruction" of his faith and apologizing for his previous teachings against LGBTQ+ people. Deconstructing Faith, itself a movement in which a person challenges their personal beliefs and traditions.

Remind me.

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## Anne Lamott reflects on life, death, and 'learning to endure the beams of love'

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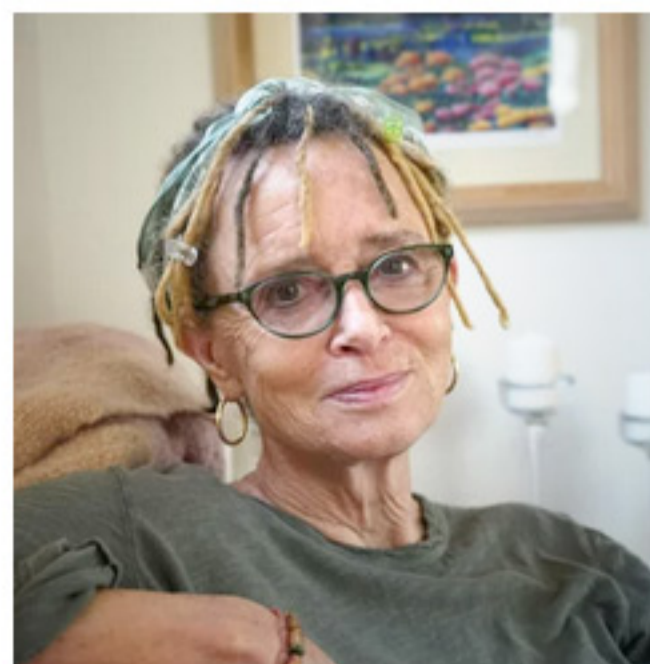
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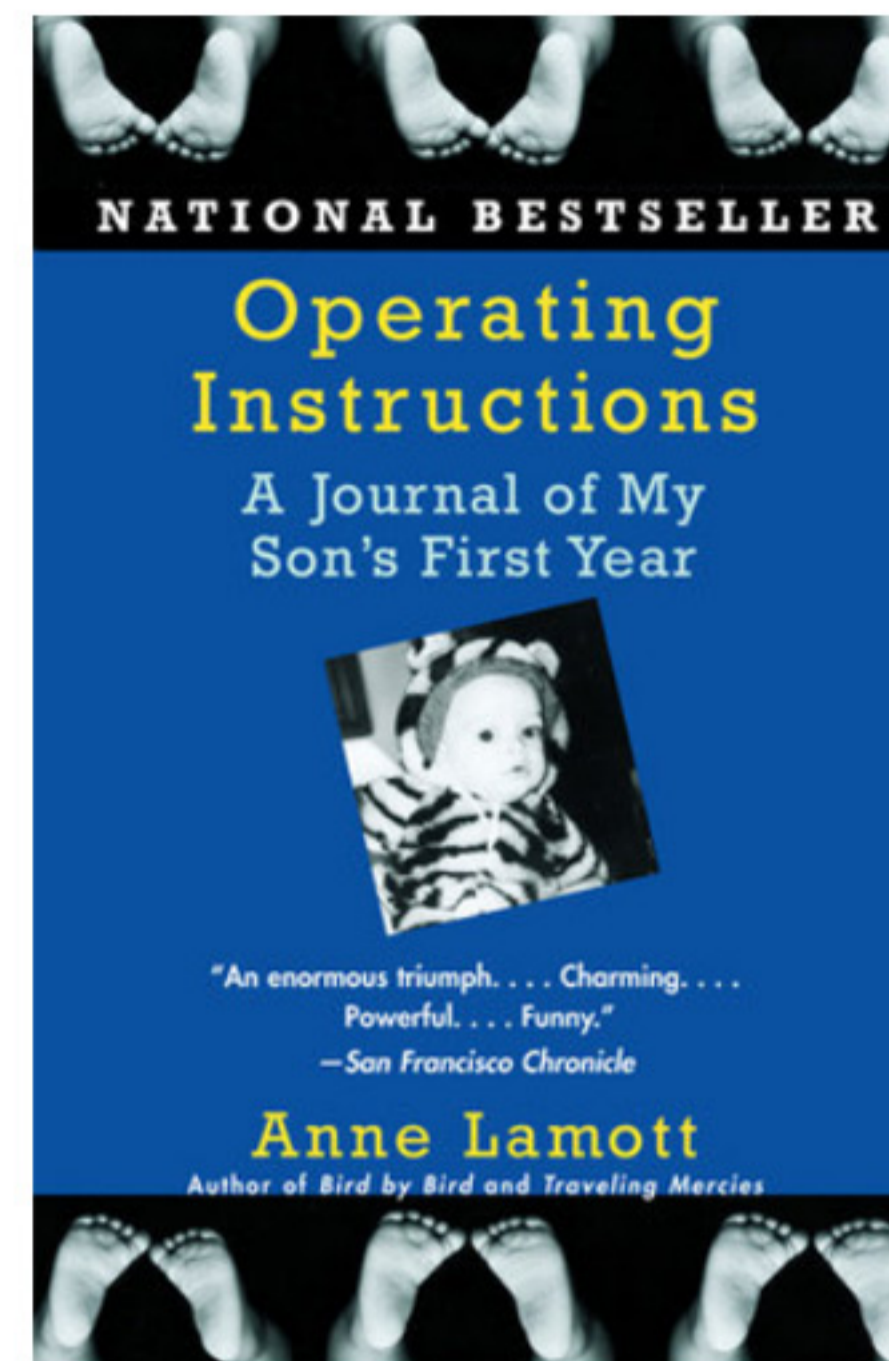
Anne Lamott has always been honest about the messiest parts of her life, from addiction to parenthood. Now, in her 20th book, she reflects on the beautiful—and complicated—realities of love.

### About Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott is the author of twenty books, including the bestsellers *Bird by Bird* and *Operating Instructions*. Her most recent book is *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*. Lamott is a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship and an inductee to the California Hall of Fame. She lives in Northern California with her family. She is also a Sunday School teacher.



Anne Lamott photographed by her son Sam Lamott



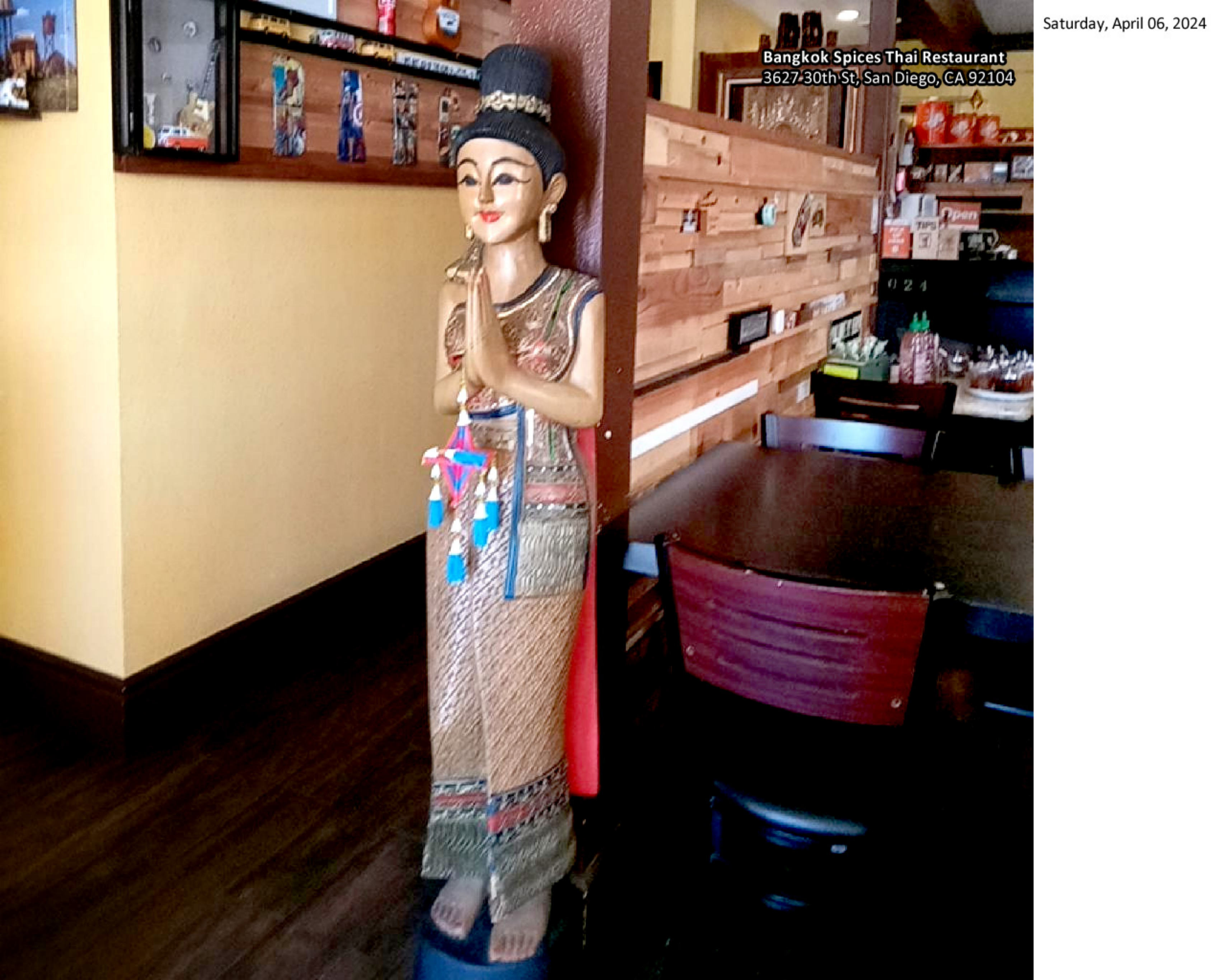
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**Kanye West** lays in a giant bed next to between a dozen or so naked celebrities, including Kim Kardashian, Taylor Swift, Rihanna, Anna Wintour, Donald Trump, George Bush, Bill Cosby, and exes Ray J and Amber Rose—some of whom are wax figures (duh), while others apparently are the real deal. *June 25, 2016*

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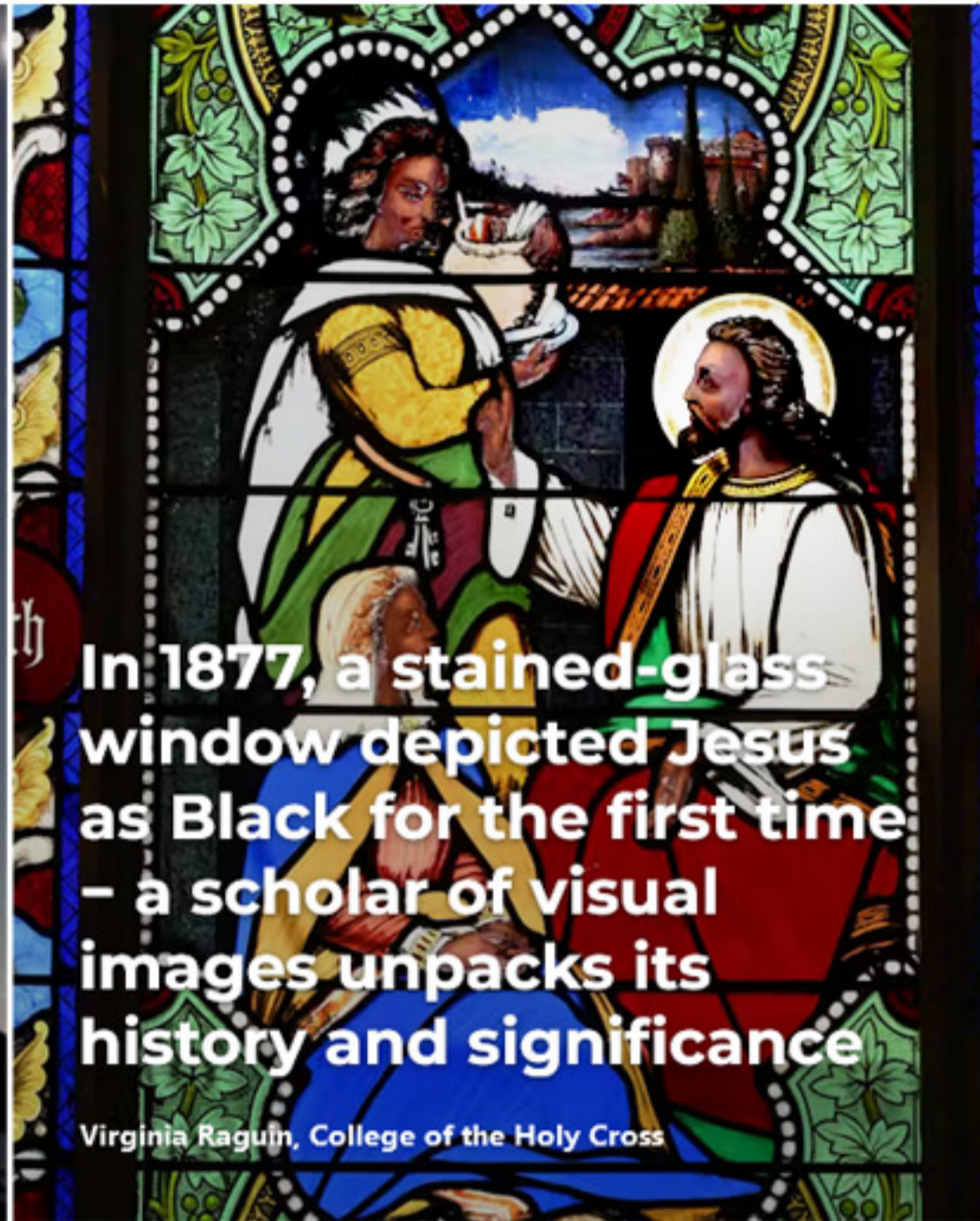
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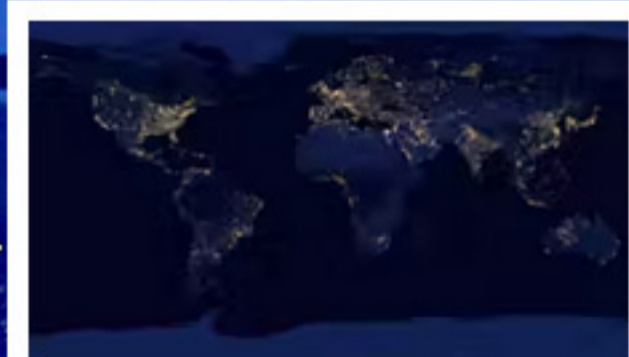
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There's a scene in Henrik Ibsen's 1882 drama *An Enemy of the People* that takes place at a public meeting. The residents of a spa town are trying to prevent a local doctor, Dr. Stockmann, from telling the truth about a factory that's polluting the local water supply.

That's the moment when, one recent evening, a climate activist stood up from his seat in the audience. It was during a press night for the current production running at Circle in the Square Theatre on Broadway. "I object to the silencing of scientists!" said Nate Smith as he walked toward the stage wearing a T-shirt bearing the logo of Extinction Rebellion NYC. He was the first of three members of the climate change activism group to disrupt the show that night.

Security hustled the activists out, police officers showed up, and theater management asked the actors to clear the stage. But the actors stayed put and stayed in character. Many audience members believed the intrusion was part of the production. That's because the theme of the protest echoed the theme of the show. "This is a play that speaks very much to the difficulty of getting truth out in a public square," said *Time Out New York* theater editor and critic Adam Feldman, who was at the theater that night. "And specifically, truth about dangers to the environment."

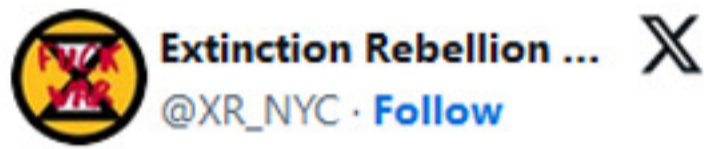
Later, actor Jeremy Strong, who stars as Dr. Stockmann, went on *Late Night with Seth Meyers* to talk about that moment. "This is a play about trying to communicate an inconvenient truth to the power structure," he said. "I'd be a hypocrite if I didn't support what [the activists] were saying. It only underlies the message of the play."

### A new approach:

Climate change-related actions are ramping up in cultural spaces around the world. They're shocking, so they get a lot of attention. Activists have flung mashed potatoes at a Monet painting in Germany and stormed the stage during a performance of *Les Miserables* in London's West End, among many other art-focused disruptions. These types of protests are meant to show how human-caused climate change will destroy the things people love — namely, art — unless we take action. But these actions often spark outrage from social media and the public.



Activists from Extinction Rebellion, protest during a performance of *An Enemy of the People* on Broadway, starring Jeremy Strong, right. Extinction Rebellion NYC



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## AP PHOTOS: 10 years after her killing, Anja Niedringhaus' photos speak for her

A girl tries to peer through the holes of her burqa as she plays with other children in the old town of Kabul, Afghanistan, April 7, 2013. Despite Associated Press photographer Anja Niedringhaus' reputation as a war photographer, very often she found beauty and joy on assignment. (AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus, File)



WORLD NEWS

# Crowds picnic to see Tokyo's cherry blossoms at full bloom



4 of 11 | Visitors take photos of the seasonal cherry blossoms at the Ueno Park Friday, April 5, 2024, in Tokyo. Crowds gathered Friday in Tokyo to enjoy Japan's famed cherry blossoms, which are blooming later than expected in the capital because of cold weather. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

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“The way people are not only showing up, but cheering about the game and invested in the game, they understand the game,” she said. “They know what’s going on. They’re passionate about it. To me, that’s the coolest thing.”

That’s the Caitlin Clark thing.

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### Civil war erupts in Rwanda

On April 7, 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates were slaughtered by Hutu extremists.



## Lina Khan – FTC Chair on Amazon Antitrust Lawsuit & AI Oversight | The Daily Show



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Lina M. Khan (born March 3, 1989) is a British-born American legal scholar serving as chair of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) since 2021. She is also an associate professor of law at Columbia Law School.

While a student at Yale Law School, she became known for her work in antitrust and competition law in the United States after publishing the influential essay "Amazon's Antitrust Paradox".[1]

President Joe Biden nominated Khan to the FTC in March 2021, and following her confirmation, she took the chair in June 2021. During her tenure, the FTC has pushed to ban non-compete agreements, filed lawsuits against health care companies engaging in anti-competitive practices, and launched a high-profile lawsuit against Amazon.[2] In 2022, the FTC and the DOJ's anti-trust division blocked a record number of mergers on anti-trust grounds.

### Lina Khan



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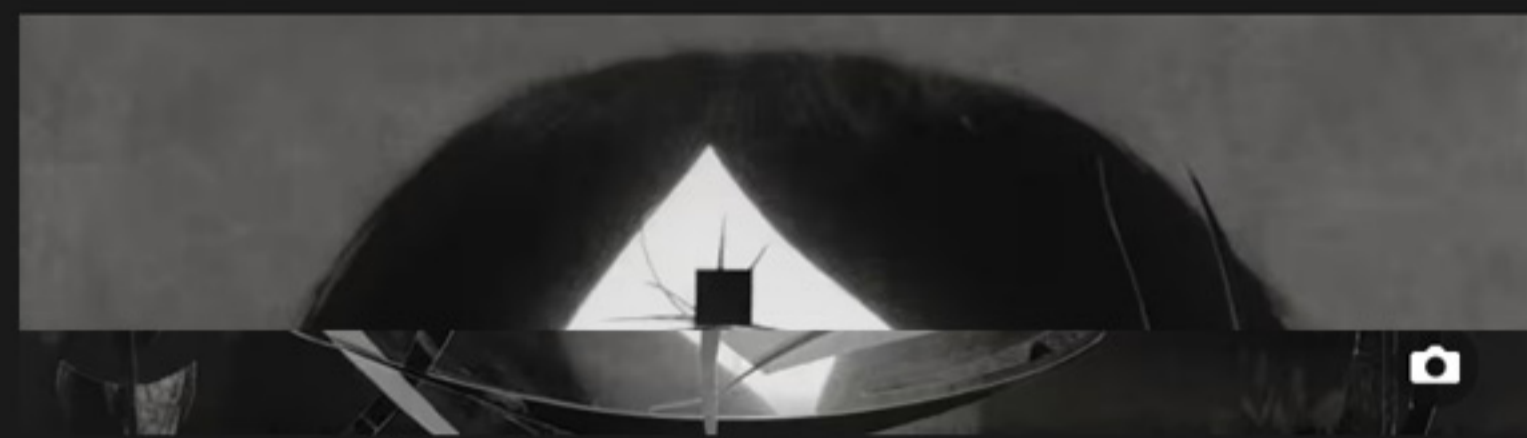
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**Israel-Gaza war**

# Since 7 October, my therapy patients have asked themselves: who are our people?



Six months later, Gaza's destruction has exposed the power – and danger – of our fundamental need to belong

*Illustration by Ayumi Tanaka*

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We all seem to be checking these days: who do we belong with? Who are our people? It could seem out of place to be talking about the psychology of collective identity in the midst of the carnage we have been witnessing in Gaza. But in my mind, it is the gravitational pull, the psychosocial vortex of belonging, that is keeping us crazed, blind to each other, driven by our cruelest and most savage instincts – capable of Hamas's murderous martyrdom, or the massive, systematic destruction that Israel is deploying on Gaza, which will take generations to heal. We must understand it to overcome it. It has been my consistent experience in my decades as a practicing psychoanalyst that challenging **one's collective identity** is more painful than questioning one's most intimate relations. It is easier to divorce a spouse, break up with a child or a parent, than to lose one's community, religion or nation. **Belonging is a fundamental aspect of the human condition: feeling part of a group, a collective, a nation; knowing who you can trust and who you should be afraid of.** This is true always, but at times of collective crisis, the drive to belong becomes acute. It is obvious in people whose identities are implicated in war zones: Russians, Ukrainians, Israelis, Palestinians. They are swept into rumbling streams of devastated, furious belonging, pushed together by swelling collective forces, and by invading armies and bombs. They are attacked and attack together, they rage and self-sacrifice together, and they bury each other, sometimes in mass graves. Nothing like the threat of annihilation to pull a group into (imagined) coherence. Those who whip the threat into the hearts of the tribespeople rule the day.

But the flying identity shrapnel spread by such geopolitical explosions lodges in souls everywhere. You need only to ask and people begin to tremble, or they rush to move past the wreckage, trying to avoid the tremor. In times like these, our sense of belonging is most implicated and most tested. What's in the balance is the safety of knowing who you are and who your people are – and the fear, not only of being alone, but also of being a traitor. Because the coin of belonging has three sides, not two. There is belonging itself: being with, being a part of, being known, having a place, a community, an identity, a sense of oneself in the world. There is, on the other side of belonging, the alienation of un-belonging, the feeling of having no family, no community, no place in the world, of being alone. Not to belong – whether forced by rejection or chosen in self-realization – feels like being cast out. And then there is the even more complicated third side of the coin: **to forsake one's belonging, to depart from one's given community can feel like a guilty and shameful abandonment of those you consider your people, those who gave you a place in the world. It is even harder to do when those people, "your people", and the forces that bind them together, pull you in at the root of your soul, shouting, "we need you!"** But this is precisely what happens at times of crisis. Pulling away is seen as, and can feel like, betrayal, even treason. Nobody wants to feel like a traitor. This is why, in times like these, dissent is so rare.

I tell a beloved Palestinian colleague that I cannot find a way to sit with the awfulness of the war, to think about it, to mourn, that I'm constantly on edge. He says I should **not call it "war"**, because there is no even playing field between a coalition of nuclear powers and a resistance movement that is literally underground. **It is an uprising**, he says. I agree. But I know that many Jewish Israelis feel this is about their survival, that 7 October was a taste of what awaits them if they lose. I am lost, deeply and ragefully attached to a land ruled by madly violent injustice. He asks: **why do you expect to be able to mourn when the killing and dying is not over?** The only people I can trust these days are those who really know what's at stake: how hard it already is; how hard it is going to be; but also, **how necessary it is for us to find new ways to identify in order to live together.**

I am taking as my guides two men who were dealt the worst civilization has to offer and kept on striving. Jean Améry, who wrote, after surviving Auschwitz: "Where barbarism begins, even existential commitments must end." And Mahmoud Darwish, who was seven years old during the Nakba, who added: "Identity is what we bequeath, not what we inherit, what we renew, not what we recall. Identity is a faulty mirror that we must break each time we are enthralled with the image we see in it." **We cannot ask people to forget the stories they were raised on.** This is how they know themselves. But we can ask them to consider how these stories erase the histories, and sometimes the very existence of others; to recognize how much these stories lock them in a state of chronic trauma, how much they demand of them to split and repress. And we can ask them to see that now the story is theirs and they can decide what comes next. This is what we do in psychoanalysis: we let ourselves be pulled by the gravity of the past and its unconscious contracts, so that we can understand how to free ourselves to make our own futures. This is what we should do now with each other. The alternative is madness.

## Attacks on Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant increases accident risk, IAEA head says

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By The Associated Press



The plant's six reactors have been shut down for months, but it still needs power and qualified staff to operate crucial cooling systems and other safety features.

The Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe's largest, is seen in the background of the shallow Kakhovka Reservoir after the dam collapse, in Energodar, Russian-occupied Ukraine, Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

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KYIV, Ukraine — The head of the U.N.'s atomic watchdog agency on Sunday condemned a Ukrainian drone strike on one of six nuclear reactors at the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, saying such attacks "significantly increase the risk of a major nuclear accident."

**AP PHOTOS: Total solar eclipse sweeps across North America**



People wear solar eclipse glasses as they observe the partial phase of a total solar eclipse, in Kingston, Ont., Monday, April 8, 2024. (Justin Tang/The Canadian Press via AP)

# AP PHOTOS: Total solar eclipse sweeps across North America



**Someday when we get our shit together, 'worth a poop' will mean something.**

*Are you noticing the sky, my lovely? Looks dimmer.  
Wanted to share the partial solar eclipse with you . . . whatever the significance.*

I did notice the dimming. As I was parking under a tree at the Mission Valley mall, the shadows of the leaves had that partial crescent shimmering effect they told us about on TV. Thanks for sharing. I might not have thought to put that in my notes otherwise. You know, another manic Monday. For whatever that's worth. [...] This just in, there was a young guy in the food court at the mall peering through those special glasses. I asked him if the eclipse was still happening, he said yes, do you want to look? I saw it! It looked like a phase of the moon, but with crisper edges. So there's that, joining in the experience, for whatever it's worth. One thing it's worth, the experience doesn't belong to anyone. It belongs to everyone. Unites us all. Tunes us in. Makes me want to cry. My last food drop-off of the day, just after noon, was to a nurse at Kaiser hospital. She said delightedly, like a first grader, the doctor brought in some of those glasses and the whole team saw the eclipse out the 4th floor window. There's an intangible benefit connecting, even with strangers. Can't put my finger on it. But there it is.

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People wear solar eclipse glasses as they observe the partial phase of a total solar eclipse, in Kingston, Ont., Monday, April 8, 2024. (Justin Tang/The Canadian Press via AP)



## The soft life: why millennials are quitting the rat race

Ambition once came with a promise: a home, a salary, progress and fulfilment. What happens when that promise is broken? Meet the women who are turning their backs on consumerism, materialism and burnout

by [Leila Latif](#)

'Have we been so brainwashed by capitalism that you have to be busy to be worth something?' ... Abadesi Osunsade. Photograph: Alicia Canter/The

No longer can you do everything society asks of you and be guaranteed to attain even the lowest totem on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, when in the US 53% of people living in homeless shelters were employed in 2021, and one in four of the households made homeless in 2022 in England had at least one person in work.

But to choose not to work, or to work less, can still be judged as a feminist betrayal. Osunsade recalls a conversation she had with an older colleague who described a bright young woman stopping working after having children as "an absolute crime. What a waste of a mind!". "There is a sense," she says, "that we have to have it all because people fought for us to be able to have it." It was that idea – that a brilliant brain must be offered up on the sacrificial altar of capitalism – that made Gardner so miserable at work. As a child, "I was very much told art was a hobby and that I needed to go down the academic route, otherwise it would be a travesty ... It felt as if choosing to do what I love was being lazy. I equated being successful with doing something I didn't like."

All around me I see overwork. Top editors who freelance at the weekends, small business owners who don't have time to unpack the boxes in the homes they moved into three years ago, self-proclaimed cogs in corporate machines who drink Huel at their desks because they have no time to eat. Social conversations with peers vacillate between how unaffordable London, where I live, has become and symptoms of our almost perpetual burnout.

Is it possible to achieve a softer life without entirely uprooting yourself, which may not be realistic for many? For Osunsade, it's about accepting that "people can only prioritise a small number of things. Women in particular, get into this trap of wanting to be the best mother, writer, friend, runner and yoga person in the class. We need to be happy with being the best in one or two roles and content with being mediocre in others."

Embracing a little mediocrity is at the core of other online workplace trends, from "quiet quitting" (doing the minimum your job requires of you) to "bare minimum Mondays". Osunsade suggests doing an "audit of priorities. Decide what your non-negotiables are. If it's important for you to do bath time with your kids every night, then that is just a permanent block in your calendar that no one ever touches because it's sacred. Every time you schedule a class, a walk, a beauty appointment, or buy a book, see it as a meeting that you can't cancel."

Gardner is now thriving in her softer life, which is filled with creativity and family. She finally feels that her life is a success. "There's something about softness that is not valued in the corporate world or isn't understood. It's seen as a weakness." But now, she says, "I see it as a strength."

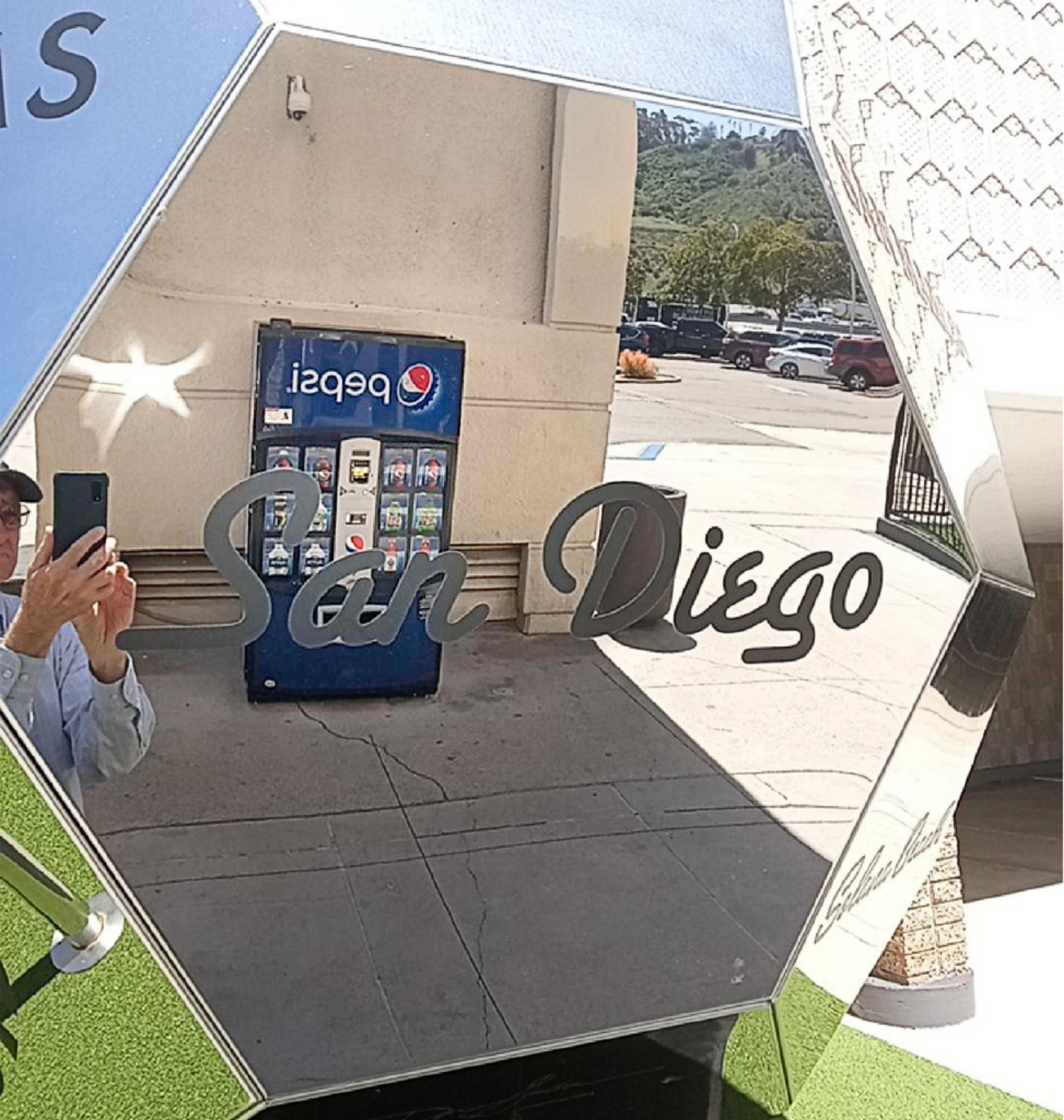


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# California's \$20 Billion Effort to Combat Homelessness Fails to Curb Rising Unhoused Population

By [Vanessa Rancaño](#)  Apr 9



A tent encampment borders the side of Lakeview Village, a community that can house 71 people, in Oakland near Lake Merritt on Nov. 3, 2021. (Beth LaBerge/KQED)

California is not doing enough to track and evaluate efforts to address homelessness — despite billions of dollars spent to address the crisis, a state auditor found in a report released Tuesday.

The audit looked at spending in fiscal years 2020 through 2023 across California, as well as within the cities of San José and San Diego. It found a revolving door of homelessness, with most people who access services placed in interim housing. Of those, just 13% ended up with a permanent place to live, while 44% returned to homelessness.

*Some report findings included:*

- The state agency in charge of coordinating and tracking the effectiveness of its programs — **the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)** — has not tracked or reported on the state's funding for homelessness programs since 2023, when it issued a report covering fiscal years 2018 through 2021. Currently, it has no plans to perform a similar assessment in the future, according to the report.
- Cal ICH's actions are not aligned with goals mandated by the Legislature. The report notes that without this alignment, the agency "lacks assurance that the actions it takes will effectively enable it to reach those goals."
- Cal ICH has no consistent method for gathering information on homelessness programs' costs and outcomes. "As a result," the report noted, "the state lacks information that would allow it to make data-driven policy decisions and identify gaps in services."
- Cal ICH doesn't know whether the data it gathers is accurate, nor has it used that data to evaluate whether programs to address homelessness are working.
- The report found that 86% of people placed in housing statewide moved into interim housing rather than permanent housing.
- When people left interim housing, only 13% moved into permanent housing. By contrast, 44% of the people who left interim housing returned to homelessness.
- When people were placed in permanent housing, they returned to homelessness 4% of the time.

As street homelessness becomes increasingly visible, public skepticism of the state's response has grown.

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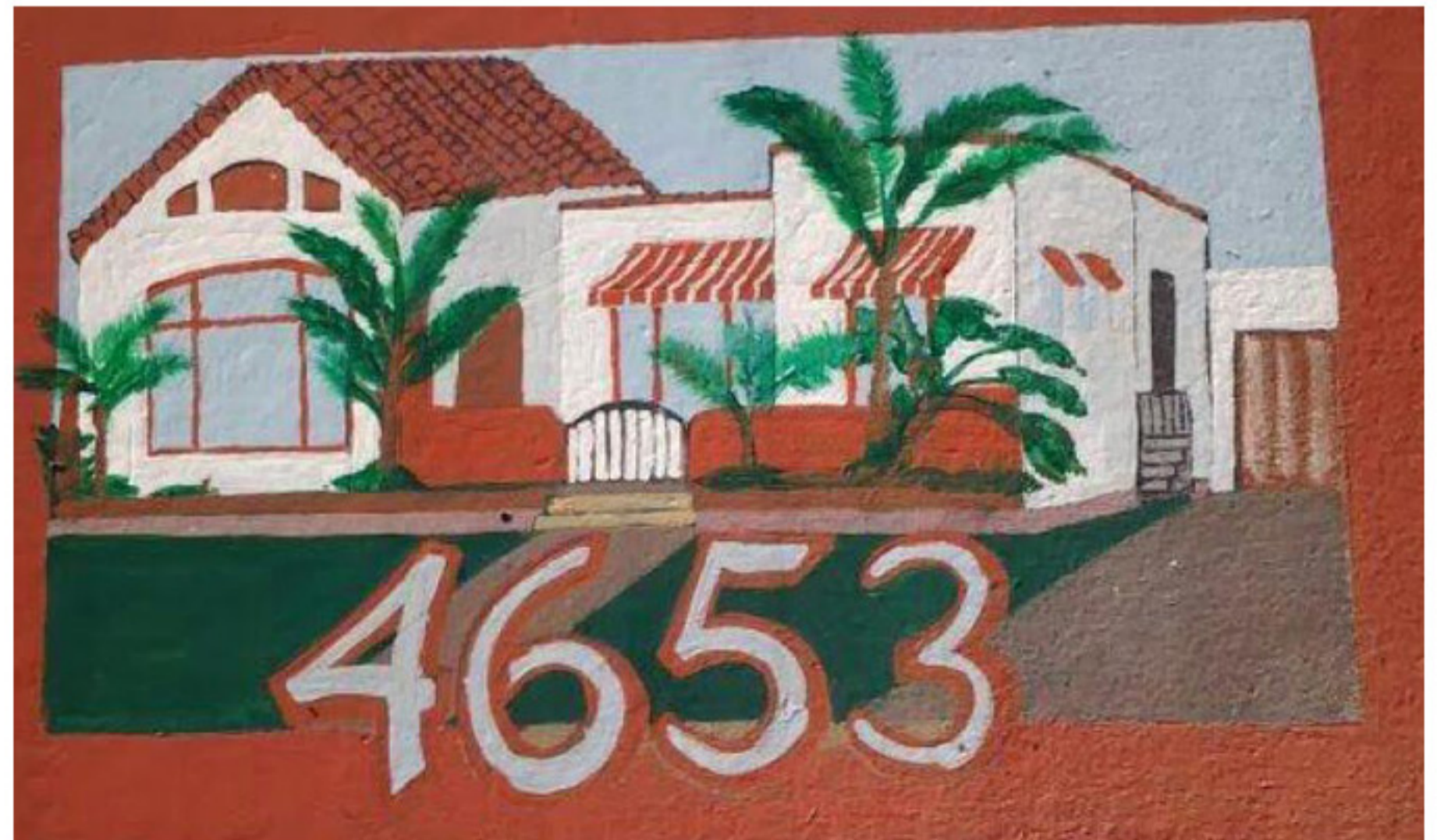


### The Man Behind Kensington's Sidewalk Paintings

Kensington's sidewalks are a patchwork of brightly colored paintings and they're all the work of one man: Bernard Muhammad.



Bernard Muhammad paints a picture of Benny Brunetto's home. July 14, 2014.





### Shouts of 'Shame! Shame!' erupt in Arizona House as fight over abortion ban engulfs lawmakers

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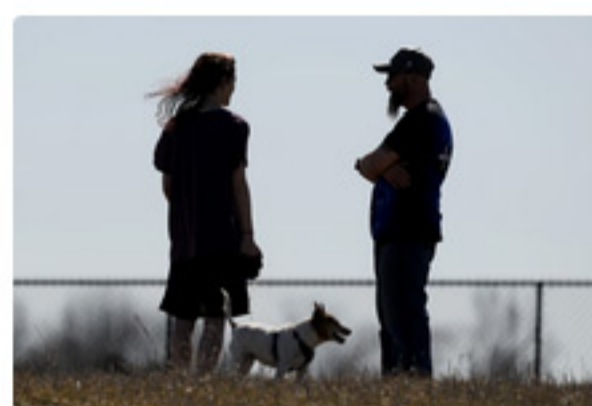


**"A Vietnam court has sentenced real estate tycoon Truong My Lan to death in the country's largest financial fraud case. The 67-year-old chair of real estate company Van Thinh Phat was accused of fraud amounting to \$12.5 billion — nearly 3% of the country's 2022 GDP. She illegally controlled the Saigon Joint Stock Commercial Bank between 2012 to 2022, siphoning off funds through thousands of ghost companies and bribes to government officials**



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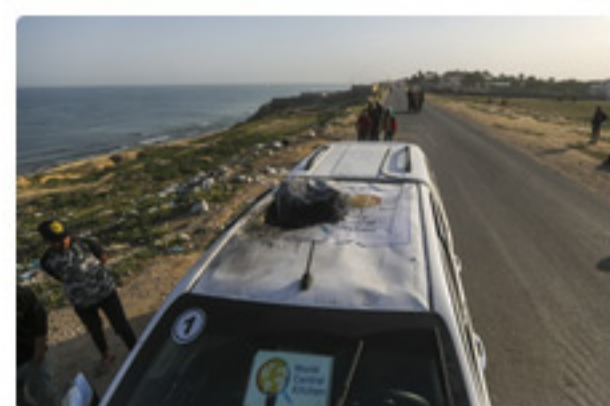
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# Real-life 'Rosie the Riveters' reunite in D.C. to win the nation's top civilian honor

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By Rachel Treisman



"Rosies" pose for a photo at the U.S. Capitol before their Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony on Wednesday.  
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**Arthur Schopenhauer** (22 February 1788 – 21 September 1860) was a German philosopher. He is known for his 1818 work *The World as Will and Representation* (expanded in 1844), which characterizes the phenomenal world as the manifestation of a blind and irrational noumenal will. Building on the transcendental idealism of Immanuel Kant (1724–1804), Schopenhauer developed an atheistic metaphysical and ethical system that rejected the contemporaneous ideas of German idealism.

Schopenhauer was among the first thinkers in Western philosophy to share and affirm significant tenets of Indian philosophy, such as asceticism, denial of the self, and the notion of the world-as-appearance. His work has been described as an exemplary manifestation of philosophical pessimism. Though his work failed to garner substantial attention during his lifetime, he had a posthumous impact across various disciplines, including philosophy, literature, and science. His writing on aesthetics, morality, and psychology have influenced many thinkers and artists.

## The Art of NOT Reading | According to Schopenhauer



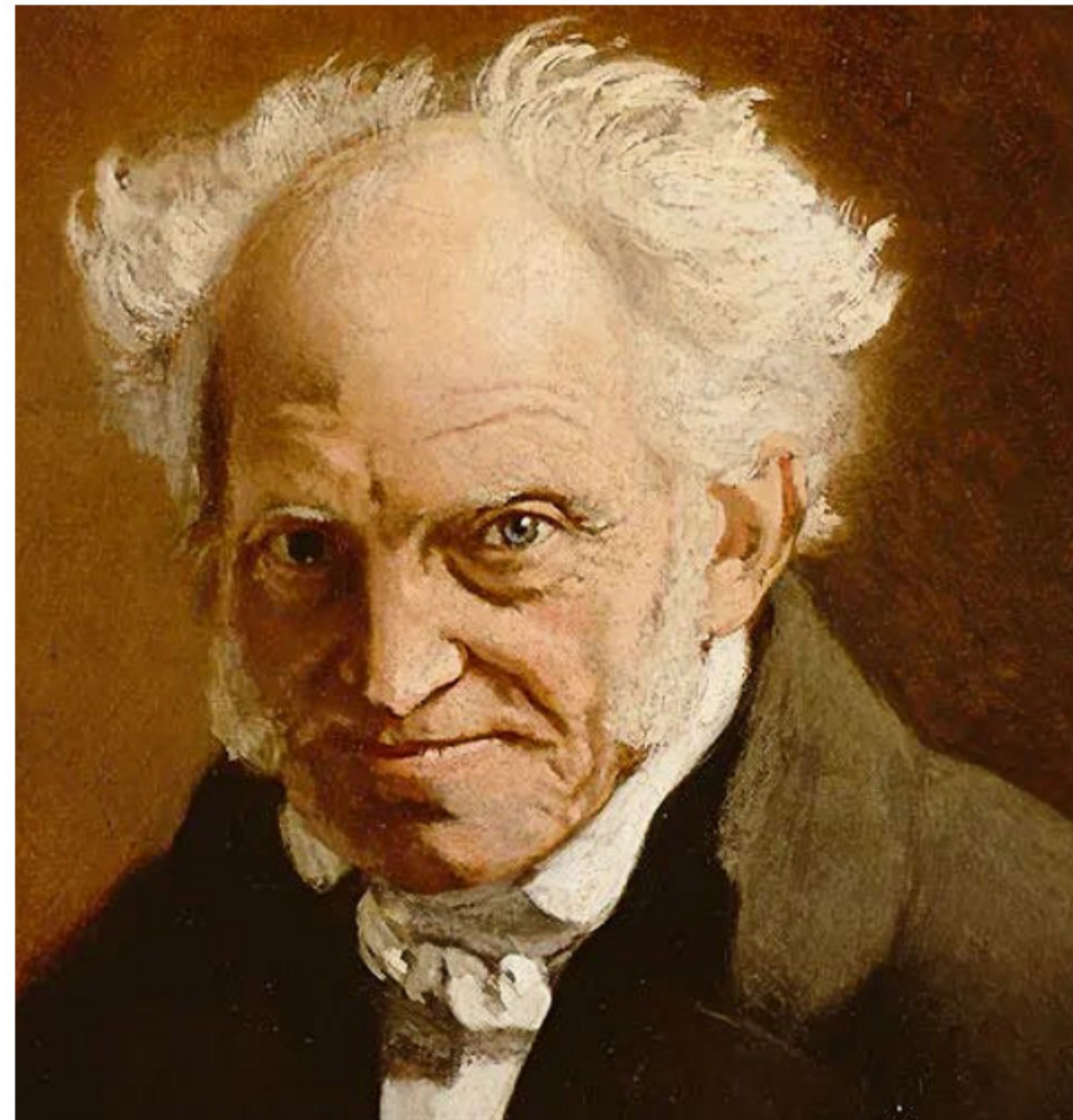
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You've been devouring books since childhood, accumulating wisdom and unlocking the secrets of the universe, one bound treasure after another. But what if I told you one of history's most brilliant minds believed your ceaseless reading was akin to gorging on little more than Literary Happy Meals - empty intellectual calories leaving you spiritually malnourished?

We're talking about the German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer. Schopenhauer had very contrary views on the reading of books compared to conventional wisdom. As he bluntly put it: "If a man does not want to think, the safest plan is to take up a book directly he has a spare moment."

Brace yourself, because Schopenhauer's guidelines for how to read purposefully and retain wisdom rather than accumulating pages will likely upend your current habits and assumptions. If you're ready for advice from one of history's most brilliant but contrarian thinkers, one that may disappoint your book-devouring ways, then keep watching it.

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## How Iran responds to Damascus attack could determine trajectory of conflict in the Middle East

Javed Ali, University of Michigan

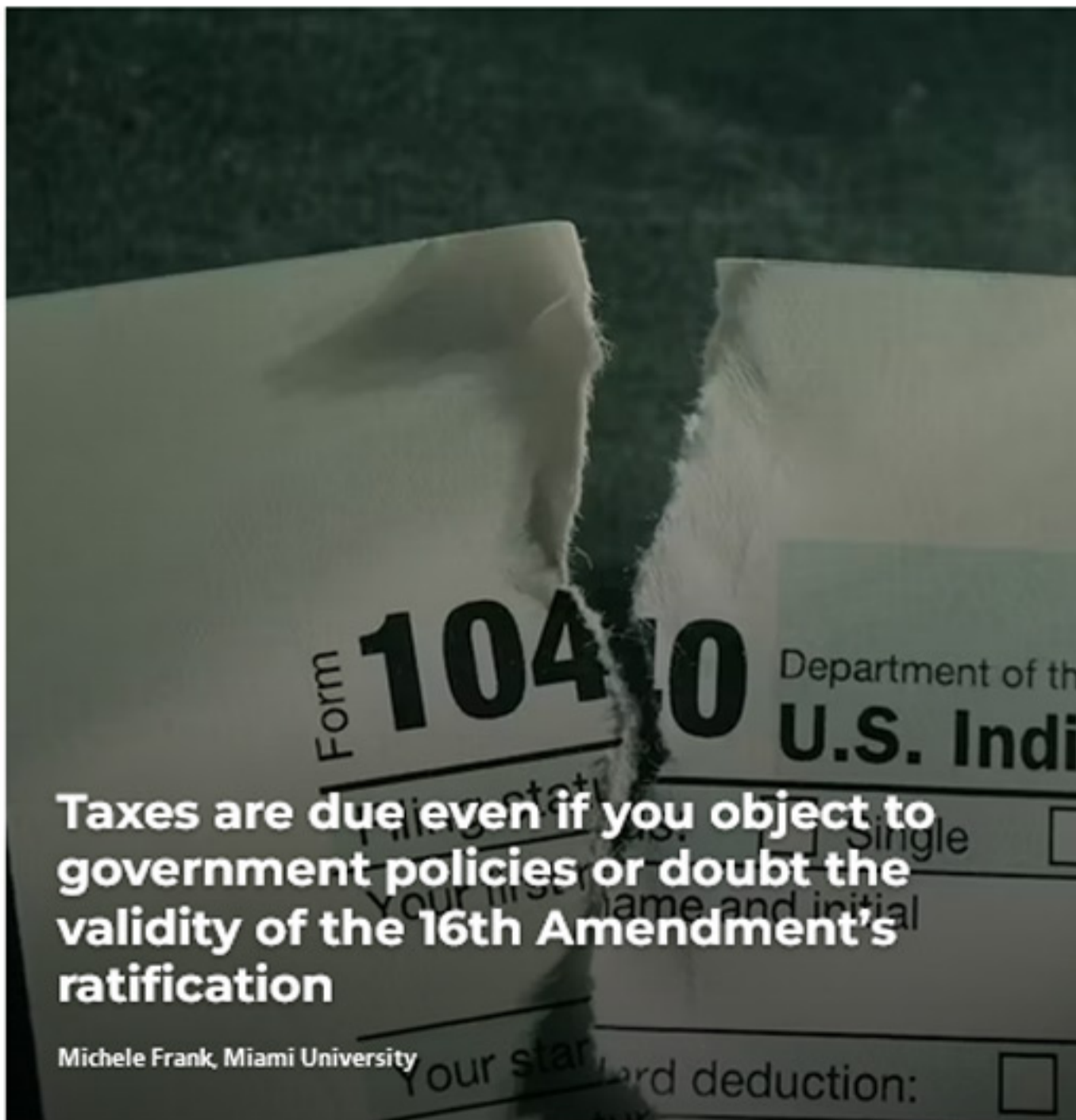
Reports that Iran is preparing reprisal attacks following the deadly bombing of a facility that Israel claims is linked to threats against its interests have provoked fears of conflict widening in the Middle East.

U.S. President Joe Biden has vowed “ironclad” support for Israel, which is widely considered to be responsible for the April 1, 2024, attack, amid fiery rhetoric from Tehran warning of re-venge.

But what could an Iranian response look like? And how is Tehran thinking about the associated pros and cons of any such activity? The Conversation U.S. turned to **Javed Ali**, a national security expert at the University of Michigan and former senior U.S. counterterrorism official, for answers.



**Javed Ali**  
Associate Professor of Practice of Public Policy, University of Michigan



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Seraphine Okemba, center, of France is tackled by Kristi Kirshe of the United States during the women semifinal match in the Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament in Hong Kong, Sunday, April 7, 2024. (AP Photo/Louise Delmotte)



# Requiem for The New York Times



CHRIS HEDGES

APR 12, 2024



## Requiem for The New York Times - by Mr. Fish

I am here for the former executive editor they are honoring, **Joe Lelyveld**, who died earlier this year. He hired me. His departure from the Times marked the paper's steep descent. [...] I asked him if I could take a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard after covering the wars in Bosnia and Kosovo, wars that capped nearly two decades of reporting on conflicts in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. "No," he said. "It costs me money and I lose a good reporter." I persisted until he finally told the foreign editor, Andrew Rosenthal, "tell Hedges he can take the Nieman and go to hell." "Don't do it," Andy, whose father was the executive editor before Lelyveld, warned. "They will make you pay when you come back." Of course, I took the Nieman. When I returned, he put me in purgatory.

[...]

Lelyveld's successor Howell Raines - who had no business running a newspaper - singled out the serial fabulist and plagiarizer, Jayson Blair, for swift advancement and alienated the newsroom through a series of tone deaf editorial decisions. Reporters and editors rose up in revolt. He was forced out along with his equally incompetent managing editor.

[...]

I say all this to make it clear that Lelyveld was not admired by reporters because of his charm or personality. He was admired because he was brilliant, literate, a gifted writer and reporter and set high standards. He was admired because he cared about the craft of reporting. He saved those of us who could write — a surprising number of reporters are not great writers — from the dead hand of copy editors.

[...]

Lelyveld left the paper before the attacks of 9/11. I denounced the calls to invade Iraq — I had been the newspaper's Middle East Bureau Chief — on shows such as Charlie Rose. I was booed off stages, attacked relentlessly on Fox News and right-wing radio and the subject of a Wall Street Journal editorial. The message bank on my office phone was filled with death threats. I was given a written reprimand by the paper to stop speaking out against the war. If I violated the reprimand, I would be fired. Lelyveld, if he was still running the paper, would not have tolerated my breach of etiquette.

Lelyveld might dissect apartheid in South Africa in his book, "Move Your Shadow," but the cost of dissecting it in Israel would have seen him, like Ben, blacklisted. He did not cross those lines. He played by the rules. He was a company man.

I would never find my voice in the straightjacket of The New York Times. I had no fidelity to the institution. The very narrow parameters it set were not ones I could accept. This, in the end, was the chasm between us.

The theologian Paul Tillich writes that all institutions are inherently demonic, that the moral life usually requires, at some point, that we defy institutions, even at the cost of our careers. Lelyveld, while endowed with integrity and brilliance, was not willing to make this commitment. But he was the best the institution offered us. He cared deeply about what we do and he did his best to protect it.

The newspaper has not recovered since his departure.



## Why Sikhs celebrate the festival of Baisakhi

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Anshu Malhotra, University of California, Santa Barbara

## Speaking of the Self: Gender, Performance, and Autobiography in South Asia

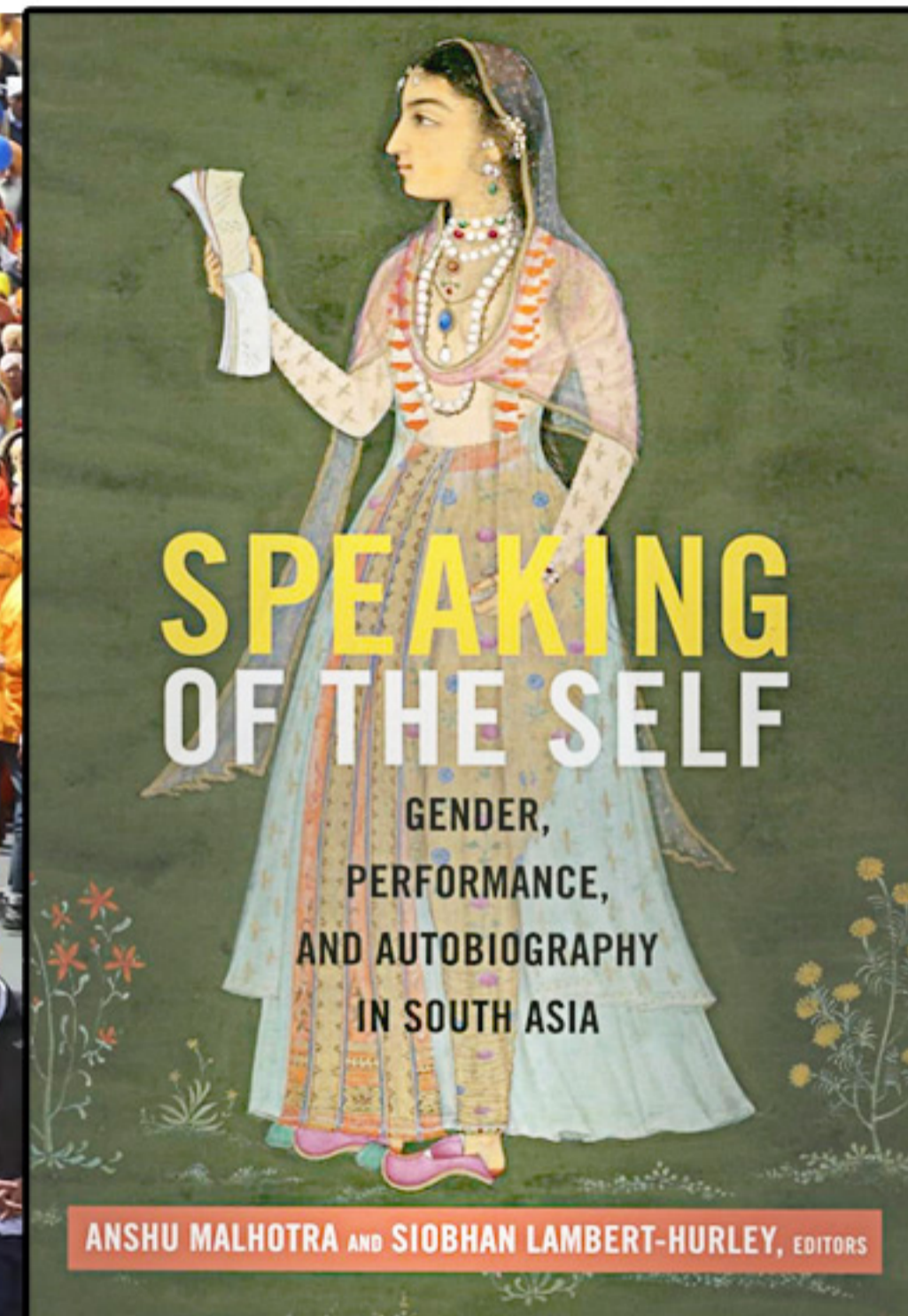
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by Anshu Malhotra (Editor), Siobhan Lambert-Hurley (Editor)



*A Khalsa Day parade in Toronto, a celebration of Baisakhi held in April 2015.*

The spirit of Baisakhi for Sikhs is reminiscent of the ideals of the gurus. As they partake the bounties of the spring harvest, sing in congregations and eat consecrated food in gurdwaras, they will also reflect on the vision of a humane world where Khalsa Sikhs fight for justice for all in the ever-evolving world, suffused with the spirit of optimism.



As a scholar of Punjab and Sikh studies, I want to draw attention to the importance of Baisakhi celebrations. According to Sikh tradition, the tenth Guru, Gobind Rai, the last in the line of 10 human Gurus, established the Khalsa order on this day in 1699. In a remarkable event that transformed forever the future of the Sikh community, the Guru created the elite martial group of the Khalsa, who would remain a role model for the Sikhs for ages to come. Social and religious reform movements among Punjab's inhabitants, including the Sikhs, tried to overcome the humiliation of colonial rule by rethinking the relevance of social and cultural practice that the British criticized. Customs such as early marriage and practices around widowhood that oppressed women, and caste discrimination that affected all, were reassessed. The gurus' strong censure of these practices was reemphasized. For Sikh intellectuals, rejuvenating the egalitarian spirit of the Khalsa at this time seemed urgent. Gender and caste inequities, they believed, could be combated by reviving Khalsa norms.

Many consider the autobiography to be a Western genre that represents the self as fully autonomous. The contributors to *Speaking of the Self* challenge this presumption by examining a wide range of women's autobiographical writing from South Asia. Expanding the definition of what kinds of writing can be considered autobiographical, the contributors analyze everything from poetry, songs, mystical experiences, and diaries to prose, fiction, architecture, and religious treatises. The authors they study are just as diverse: a Mughal princess, an eighteenth-century courtesan from Hyderabad, a nineteenth-century Muslim prostitute in Punjab, a housewife in colonial Bengal, a Muslim Gandhian devotee of Krishna, several female Indian and Pakistani novelists, and two male actors who worked as female impersonators. The contributors find that in these autobiographies the authors construct their gendered selves in relational terms. Throughout, they show how autobiographical writing—in whatever form it takes—provides the means toward more fully understanding the historical, social, and cultural in which the author performs herself and creates her subjectivity.

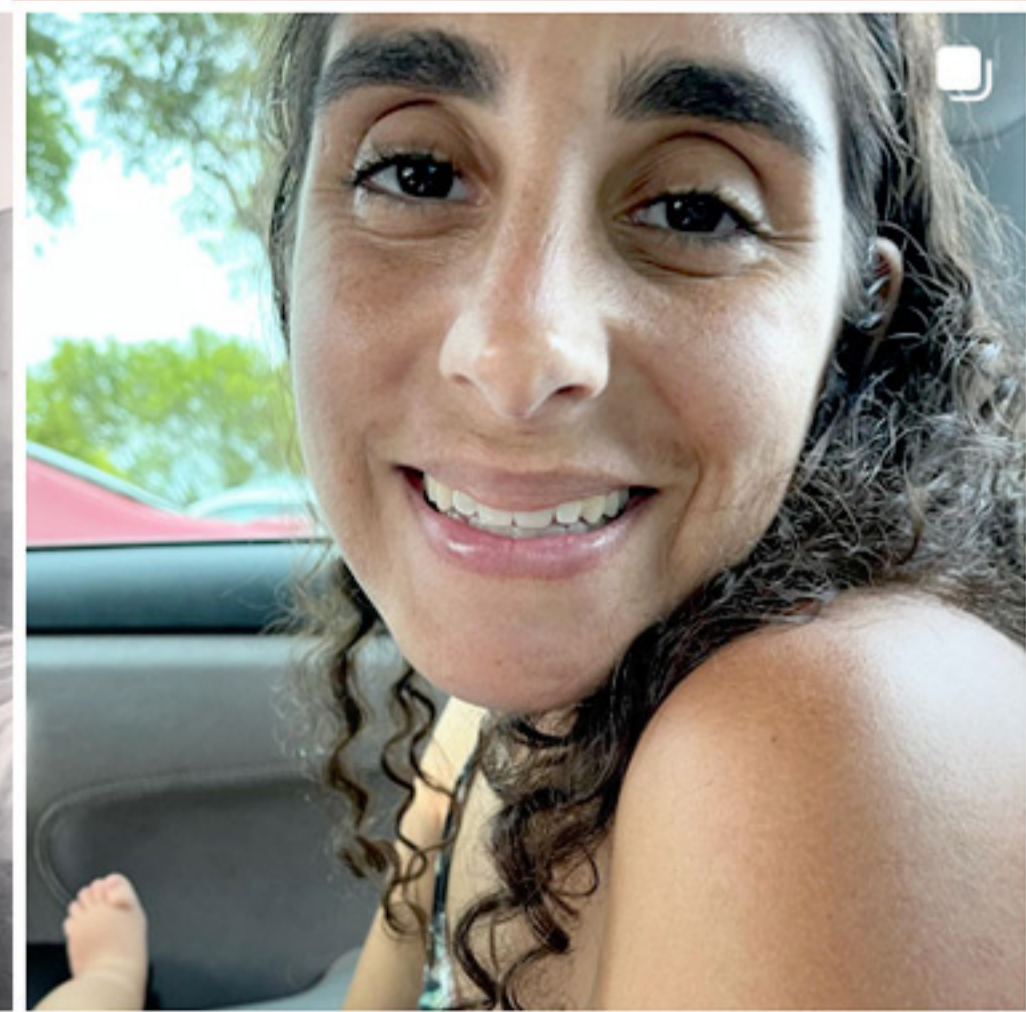
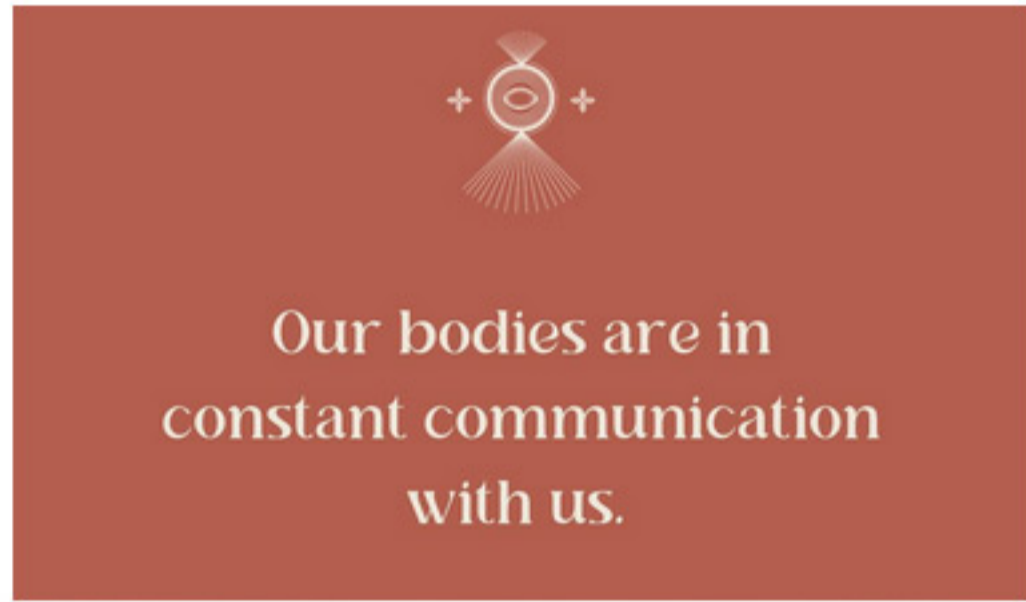


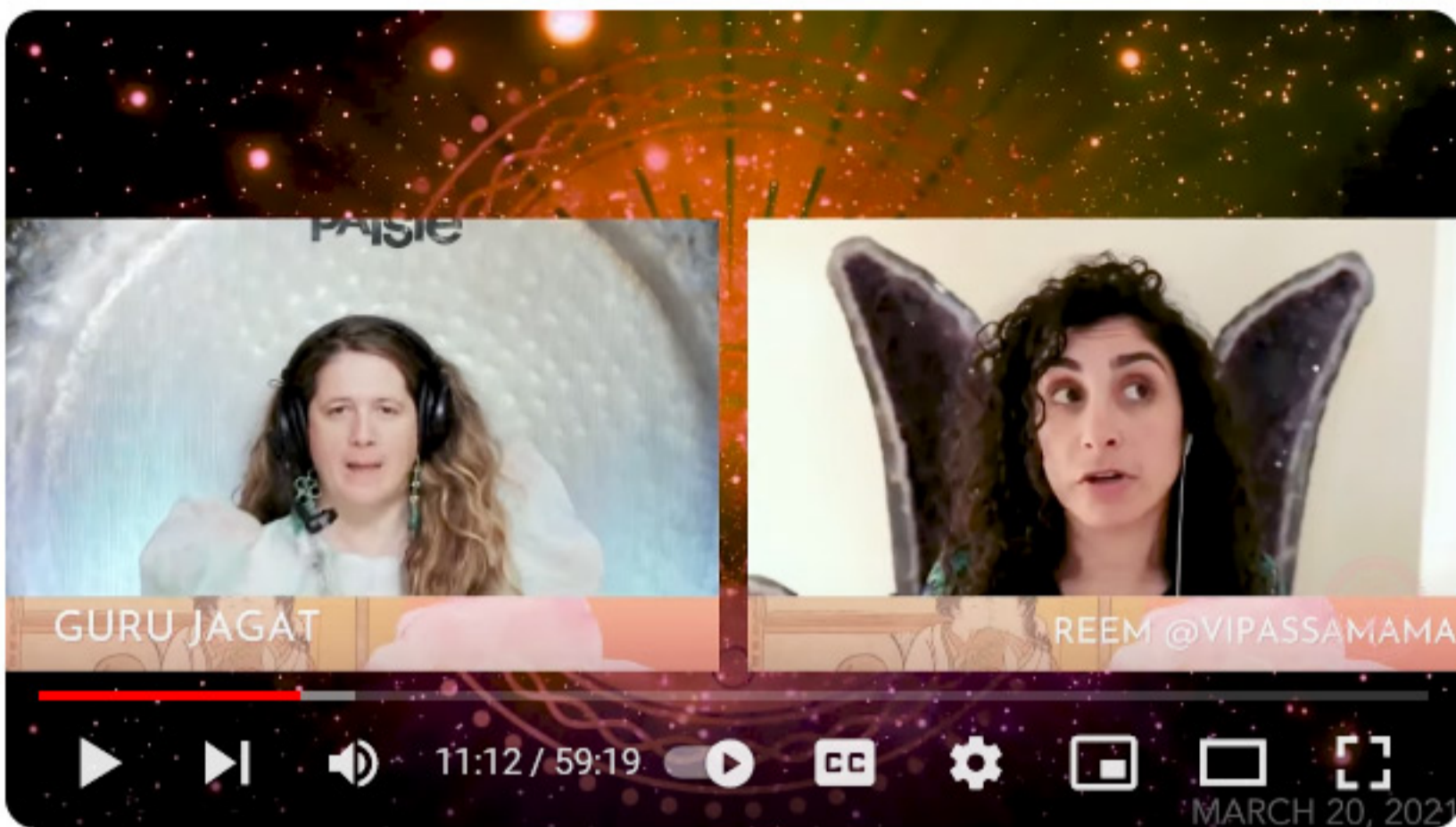
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## Toward a Conscious Union: Guru Jagat x Vipassamama



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From a live interview on March, 20, 2021 during Immense Grace, Relay Arts, Guru Jagat and Reem (aka Vipassamama) talk about the nature of women, relationships, and our cultural conditioning and how this all plays into our ability to be in union. Prepare for revelation, healing, and practice tools for deepening love in yourself and all around.

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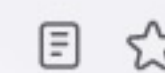


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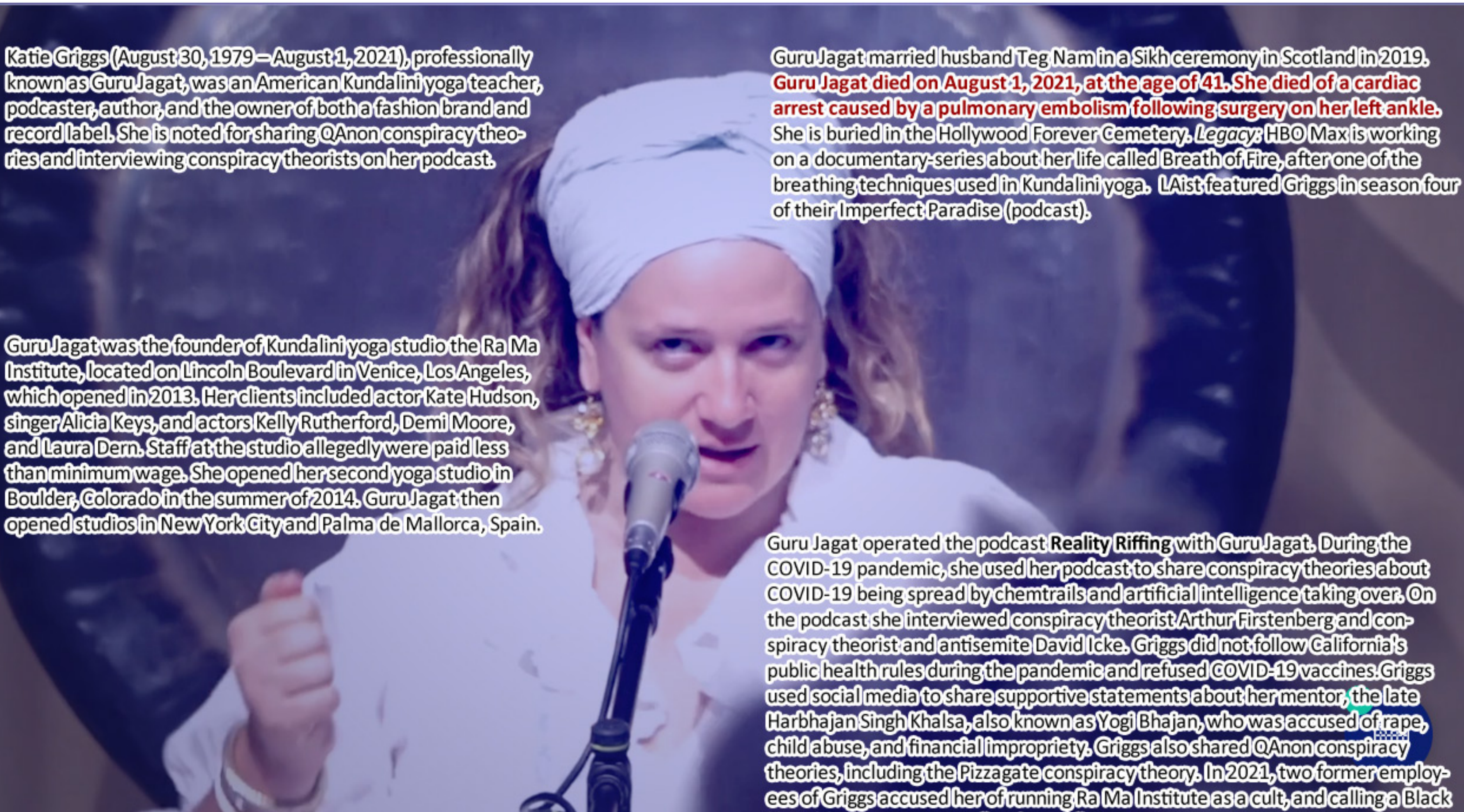


Katie Griggs (August 30, 1979 – August 1, 2021), professionally known as Guru Jagat, was an American Kundalini yoga teacher, podcaster, author, and the owner of both a fashion brand and record label. She is noted for sharing QAnon conspiracy theories and interviewing conspiracy theorists on her podcast.

Guru Jagat married husband Teg Nam in a Sikh ceremony in Scotland in 2019. **Guru Jagat died on August 1, 2021, at the age of 41. She died of a cardiac arrest caused by a pulmonary embolism following surgery on her left ankle.** She is buried in the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. *Legacy:* HBO Max is working on a documentary-series about her life called *Breath of Fire*, after one of the breathing techniques used in Kundalini yoga. *LAist* featured Griggs in season four of their *Imperfect Paradise* (podcast).

Guru Jagat was the founder of Kundalini yoga studio the Ra Ma Institute, located on Lincoln Boulevard in Venice, Los Angeles, which opened in 2013. Her clients included actor Kate Hudson, singer Alicia Keys, and actors Kelly Rutherford, Demi Moore, and Laura Dern. Staff at the studio allegedly were paid less than minimum wage. She opened her second yoga studio in Boulder, Colorado in the summer of 2014. Guru Jagat then opened studios in New York City and Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

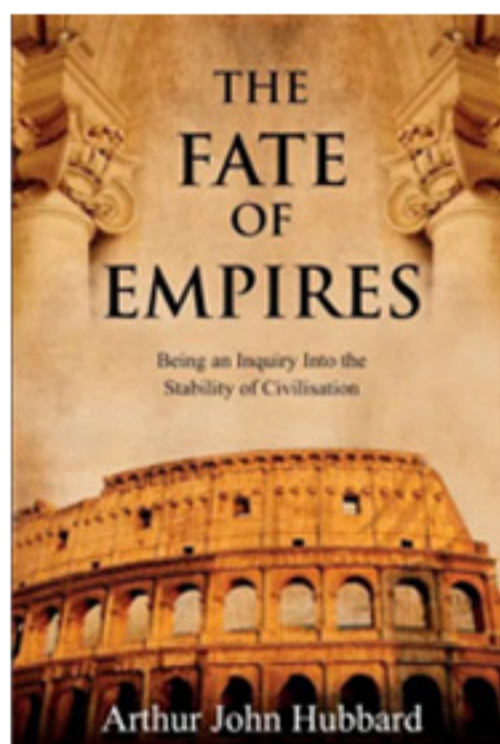
Guru Jagat operated the podcast **Reality Riffing with Guru Jagat**. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she used her podcast to share conspiracy theories about COVID-19 being spread by chemtrails and artificial intelligence taking over. On the podcast she interviewed conspiracy theorist Arthur Firstenberg and conspiracy theorist and antisemite David Icke. Griggs did not follow California's public health rules during the pandemic and refused COVID-19 vaccines. Griggs used social media to share supportive statements about her mentor, the late Harbhajan Singh Khalsa, also known as Yogi Bhaajan, who was accused of rape, child abuse, and financial impropriety. Griggs also shared QAnon conspiracy theories, including the Pizzagate conspiracy theory. In 2021, two former employees of Griggs accused her of running Ra Ma Institute as a cult, and calling a Black Lives Matter supporter a "cockroach".



# Arthur John Hubbard

**Born** in Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, The United Kingdom  
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Does divorce disintegrate society? Does abortion erode families? Is it more beneficial to emphasise social or filial piety? Is patriarchy useful for social cohesion? For Hubbard's take and that of our greatest ancestors, read on.

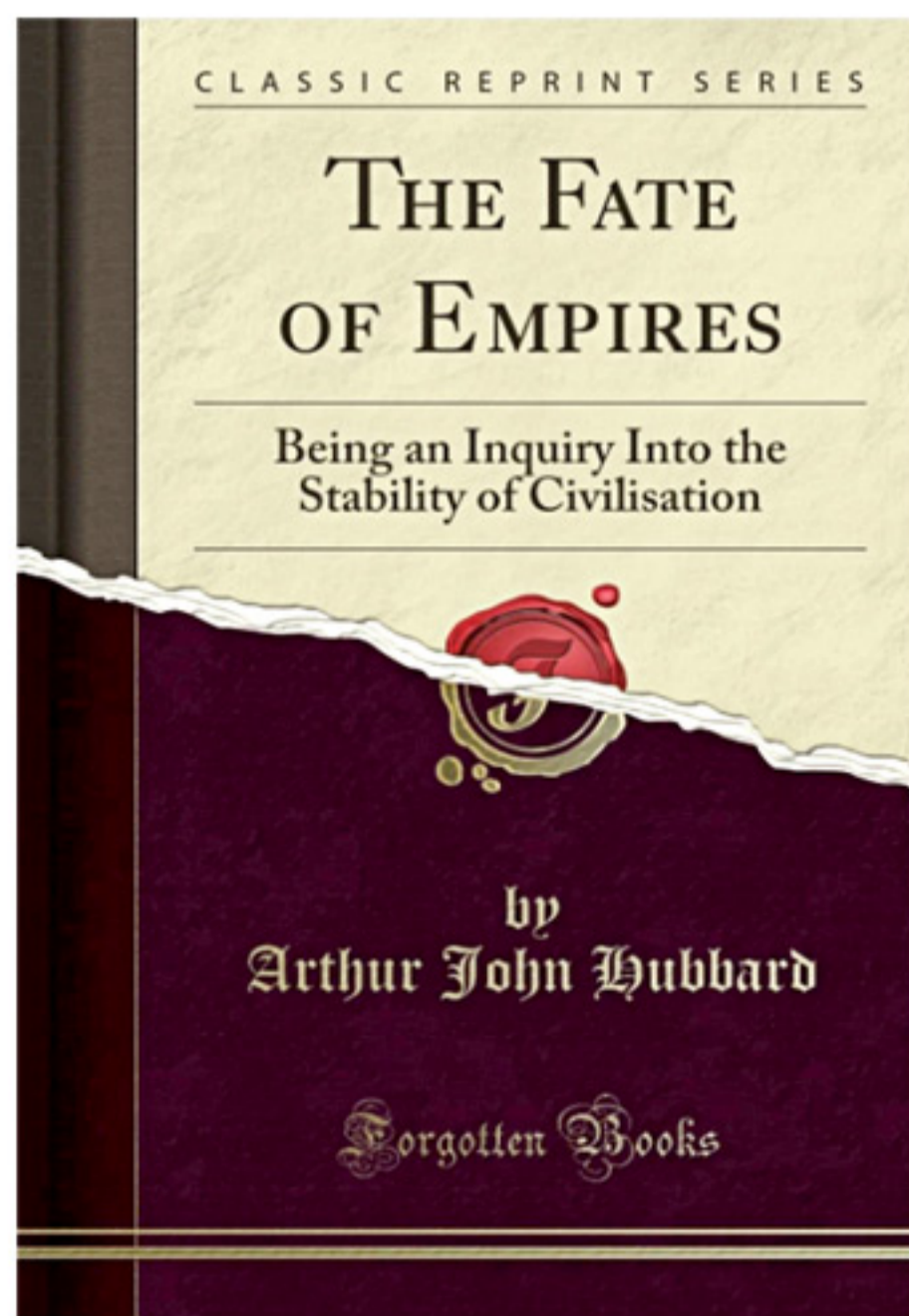
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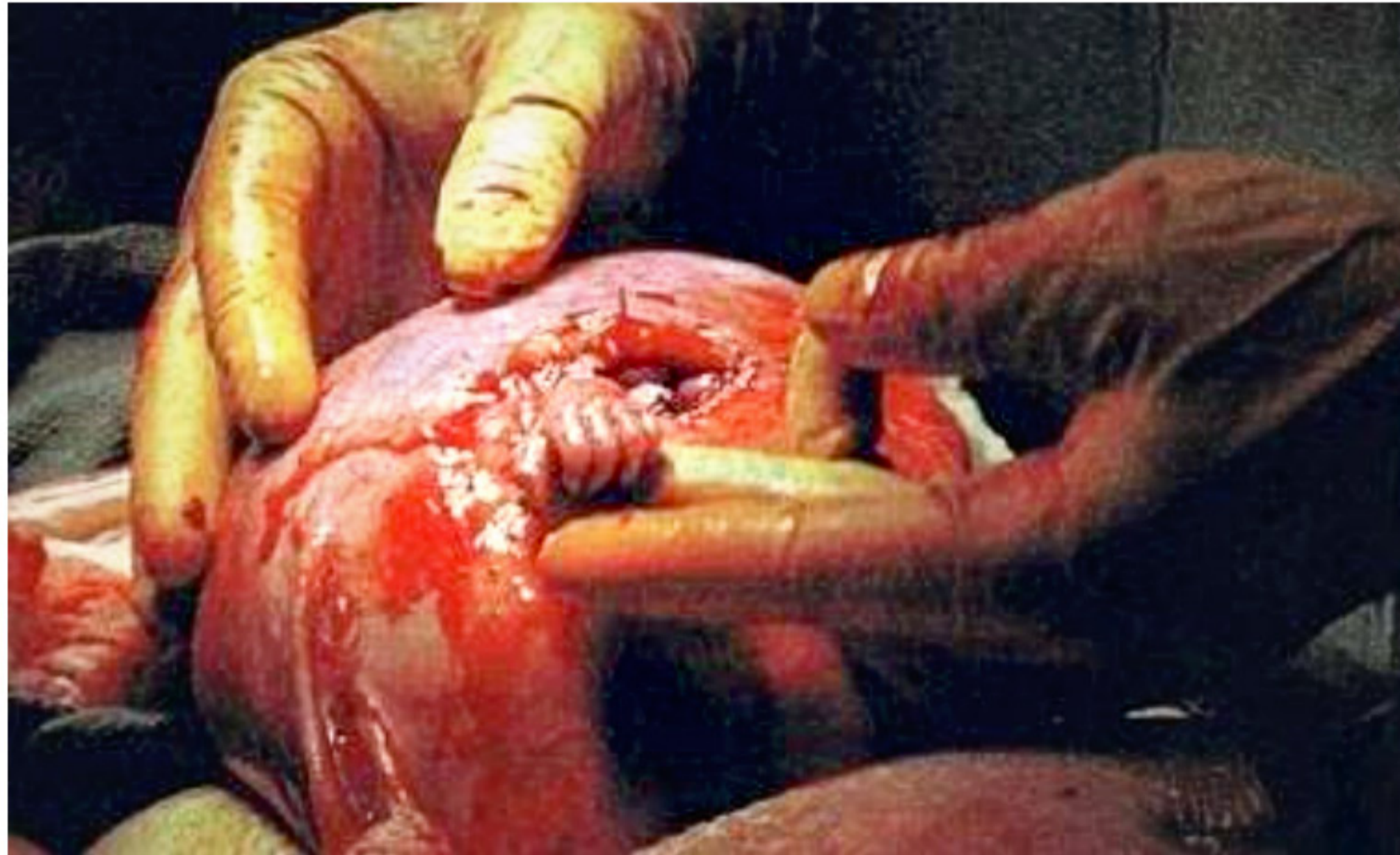
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# Iran's unprecedented attack on Israel was a strategic miscalculation. Can all-out war now be averted?

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▼ [Ran Porat](#), *Monash University*

Close to midnight on April 13, hundreds of military drones were launched from both Iran and Iraq toward Israel. Subsequently, several waves of ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and rockets followed, originating from Iran, Iraq, Yemen and Lebanon—all directed at Israel. This unprecedented multi-front attack on Israel constitutes a de facto declaration of war and marks the first direct assault against Israel from Iranian soil. However, despite the scale of the operation, it appears to be a tactical failure. If Iran wanted to test Israel's ability to deal with a multi-front aerial assault, then the Israeli score is almost a perfect 100. According to the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), 99% of the more than 330 weapons fired at Israel (at least 185 drones, 110 surface-to-surface missiles and 36 cruise missiles) were intercepted mostly over other countries. Only minor damage occurred at the Nevatim Airbase (near Be'er Sheva in the south). A 7-year-old girl was seriously injured by shrapnel, possibly from an intercepting unit. The upcoming days will be crucial—a test of the international community's ability to stabilise the tormented Middle East. Unfortunately, the signs at the moment are not encouraging.





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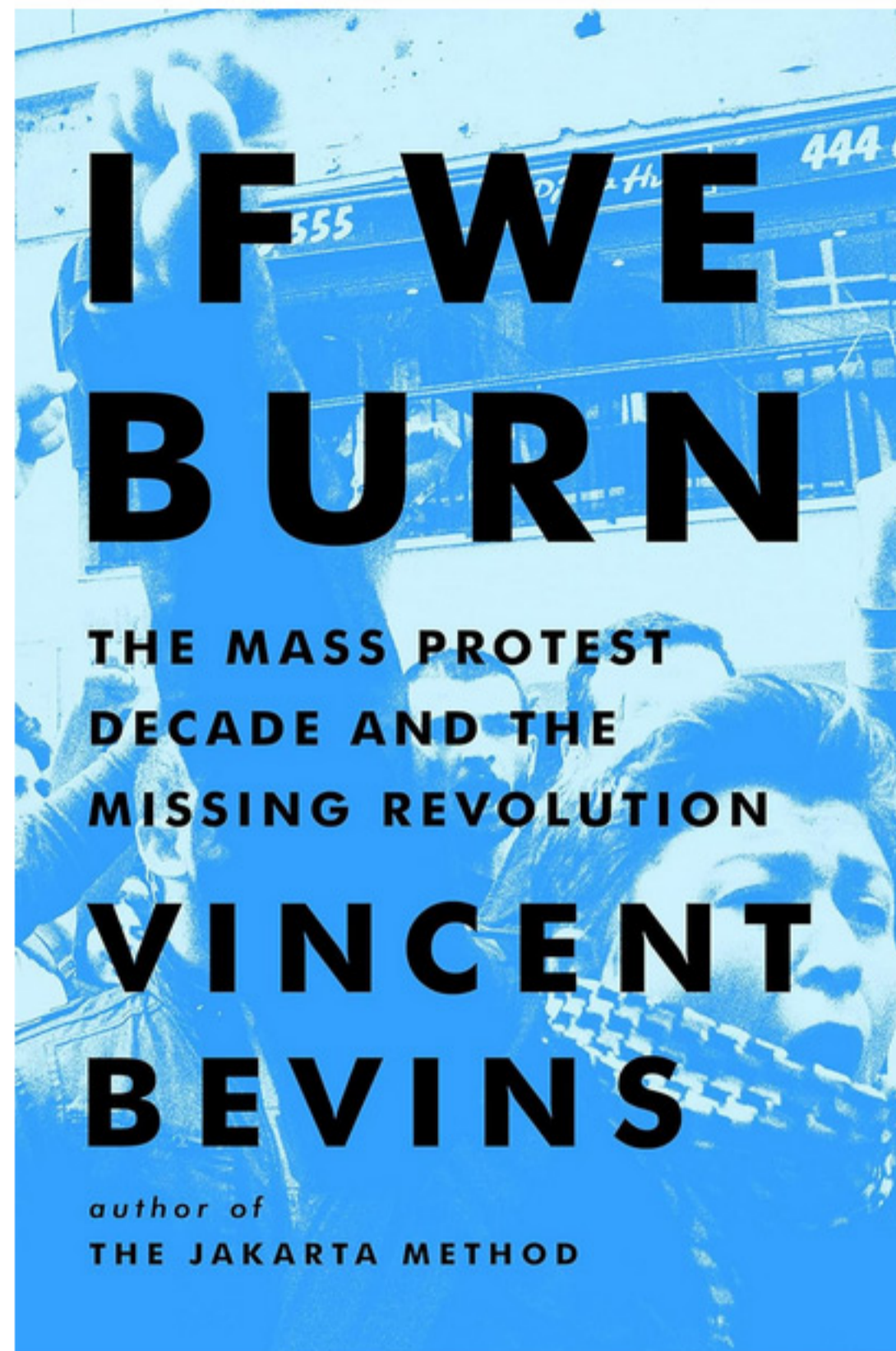
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The 2010s were a decade of revolt. From Athens to Atlanta, Santiago to Seoul, a global wave of protest brought masses of people into confrontation with the status quo, demanding an end to neoliberalism, racism, climate change, and more. Yet despite this upswell of grassroots political activity, little lasting, positive change followed. What sparked the past decade of mass protest? Why didn't it result in political transformation? Vincent Bevins, author of 'If We Burn: The Mass Protest Decade and the Missing Revolution', joins The Chris Hedges Report for a retrospective on the decade that set the world on fire, and how to adapt its lessons for the challenges ahead.

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**“Be Scofield** is a prominent cult reporter whose work has been turned into Netflix, Dr. Phil, Dateline, VICE and more.”

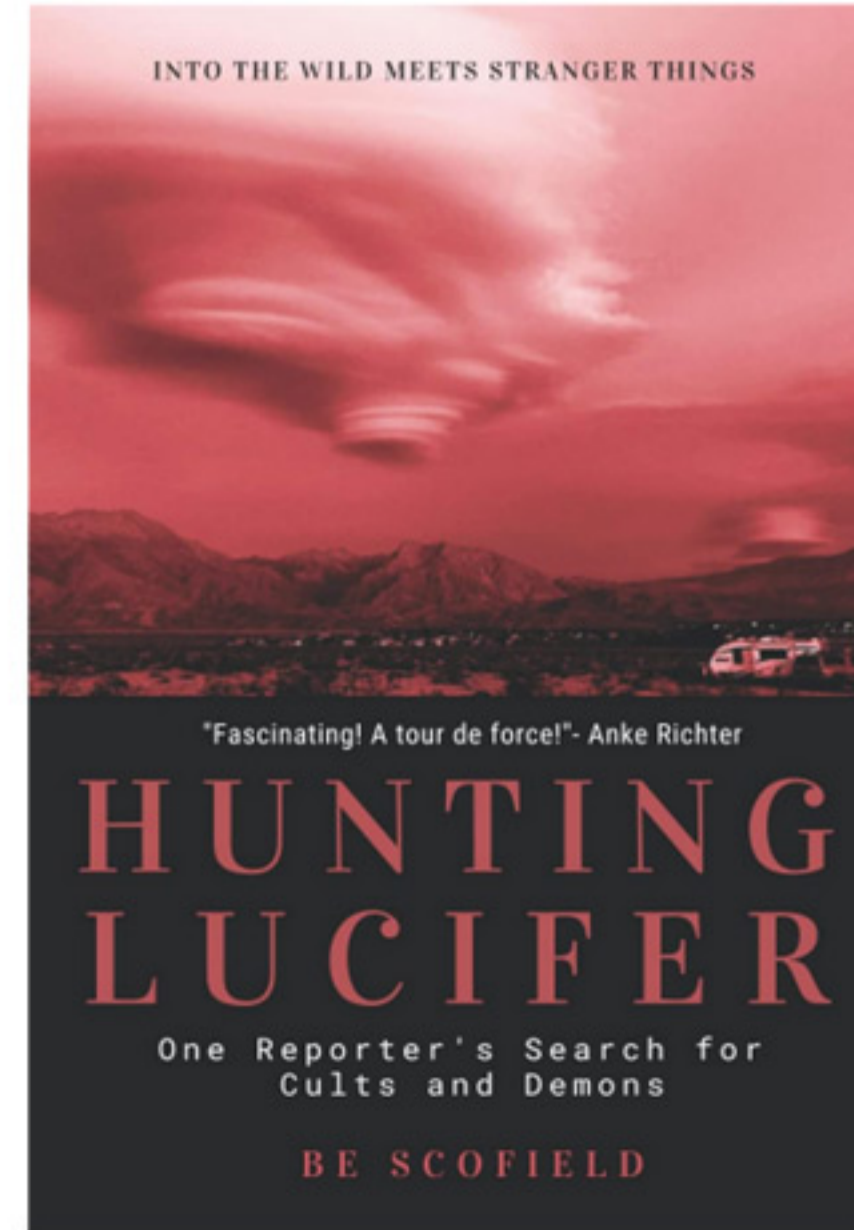
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Three years in a row an astrologer sends reporter Be Scofield to locations on her birthday only to mysteriously find cult stories within days of arriving. The first year she travels to Sedona and clues soon lead her to a dangerous guru named Bentinho Massaro. She infiltrates his cult and exposes him, forcing Bentinho to flee. A year later, the astrologer sends Scofield to the Pacific Northwest on her birthday and a cult murder mystery quickly unfolds on Orcas Island. Her following birthday yet another cult story unfolds within days. This time it's an international Buddhist cult at war with the Dalai Lama. In 2020, Scofield visits Crestone, Colorado and strange events lead her to uncover the Love Has Won "Mother God" cult. An intuitive then tells her she has come to close a "dark portal" over the town and that she is working with ETs. The following year she returns to write an in-depth series on the death of Kristal Reisinger.

**As Scofield becomes a prominent cult reporter, she travels as a nomad; often homeless or living in a camper-van. Her healing journey takes her to powerful natural places and sacred sites throughout Hawaii and the West. As she hunts demons, she realizes she too is being hunted but is told angels are guiding her. Scofield discovers a profound truth along the way: the dark hides in the light.**



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## NPR suspends veteran editor as it grapples with his public criticism

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NPR suspended Senior Editor Uri Berliner for five days without pay after he wrote an essay accusing the network of losing the public's trust and appeared on a podcast to explain his argument.

Uri Berliner

NPR has formally punished Uri Berliner, the senior editor who publicly argued a week ago that the network had "lost America's trust" by approaching news stories with a rigidly progressive mindset. Berliner's five-day suspension without pay, which began last Friday, has not been previously reported. Yet the public radio network is grappling in other ways with the fallout from Berliner's essay for the online news site The Free Press. It angered many of his colleagues, led NPR leaders to announce monthly internal reviews of the network's coverage, and gave fresh ammunition to conservative and partisan Republican critics of NPR, including former President Donald Trump. Maher took the job at NPR last month — her first at a news organization. In a statement Monday about the messages she had posted, Maher praised the integrity of NPR's journalists and underscored the independence of their reporting. The network noted that "the CEO is not involved in editorial decisions." In an interview with me later on Monday, Berliner said her social media posts demonstrated Maher was all but incapable of being the person best poised to direct the organization. "We're looking for a leader right now who's going to be unifying and bring more people into the tent and have a broader perspective on, sort of, what America is all about," Berliner said. "And this seems to be the opposite of that."

Late Monday afternoon, NPR's chief news executive, Edith Chapin announced to the newsroom that Executive Editor Eva Rodriguez would lead monthly meetings to review coverage. Berliner said he welcomed the announcement but would withhold judgment until those meetings played out.

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## THE FREEPRESS

By Uri Berliner

April 9, 2024

### I've Been at NPR for 25 Years. Here's How We Lost America's Trust.

*Uri Berliner, a veteran at the public radio institution, says the network lost its way when it started telling listeners how to think.*

These are perilous times for news organizations. Last year, NPR laid off or bought out 10 percent of its staff and canceled four podcasts following a slump in advertising revenue. Our radio audience is dwindling and our podcast downloads are down from 2020. The digital stories on our website rarely have national impact. They aren't conversation starters. Our competitive advantage in audio—where for years NPR had no peer—is vanishing. There are plenty of informative and entertaining podcasts to choose from. Even within our diminished audience, there's evidence of trouble at the most basic level: trust. In February, our audience insights team sent an email proudly announcing that we had a higher trustworthy score than CNN or The New York Times. But the research from Harris Poll is hardly reassuring. It found that "3-in-10 audience members familiar with NPR said they associate NPR with the characteristic 'trustworthy.'" Only in a world where media credibility has completely imploded would a 3-in-10 trustworthy score be something to boast about.

With declining ratings, sorry levels of trust, and an audience that has become less diverse over time, the trajectory for NPR is not promising. Two paths seem clear. We can keep doing what we're doing, hoping it will all work out. Or we could start over, with the basic building blocks of journalism. We could face up to where we've gone wrong. News organizations don't go in for that kind of reckoning. But there's a good reason for NPR to be the first: we're the ones with the word public in our name. Despite our missteps at NPR, defunding isn't the answer. As the country becomes more fractured, there's still a need for a public institution where stories are told and viewpoints exchanged in good faith. Defunding, as a rebuke from Congress, wouldn't change the journalism at NPR. That needs to come from within. A few weeks ago, NPR welcomed a new CEO, Katherine Maher, who's been a leader in tech. She doesn't have a news background, which could be an asset given where things stand. I'll be rooting for her. It's a tough job. Her first rule could be simple enough: don't tell people how to think. It could even be the new North Star.



## Pro-Palestinian demonstrators shut down airport highways and bridges in major cities

APRIL 16, 2024 · 2:58 AM ET

By The Associated Press



Protesters calling for a cease fire in Gaza shut down southbound traffic on Highway 880 in Oakland, Calif. on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators blocked roadways in Illinois, California, New York and the Pacific Northwest on Monday, temporarily shutting down travel into some of the nation's most heavily used airports, onto the Golden Gate and Brooklyn bridges and on a busy West Coast highway. In Chicago, protesters linked arms and blocked lanes of Interstate 190 leading into O'Hare International Airport around 7 a.m. in a demonstration they said was part of a global "economic blockade to free Palestine," according to Rifqa Falaneh, one of the organizers. Traffic in the San Francisco Bay Area was snarled for hours as demonstrators shut down all vehicle, pedestrian and bike traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge and chained themselves to 55-gallon drums filled with cement across Interstate 880 in Oakland. Protesters marching into Brooklyn blocked Manhattan-bound traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge. In Eugene, Oregon, protesters blocked Interstate 5, shutting down traffic on the major highway for about 45 minutes.

Protesters say they chose O'Hare in part because it is one of the largest airports. Among other things, they've called for an immediate cease-fire in the war between Israel and Hamas. Anti-war protesters have demonstrated in Chicago near daily since Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel that killed around 1,200 people. Israeli warplanes and ground troops have since conducted a scorched-earth campaign on the Gaza Strip. The Israeli offensive has killed more than 33,700 Palestinians, according to the Gaza health ministry. The ministry does not differentiate between civilians and combatants in its count but says women and children make up two-thirds of the dead. O'Hare warned travelers on the social platform X to take alternative forms of transportation with car travel "substantially delayed this morning due to protest activity." Inbound traffic toward O'Hare resumed around 9 a.m.

Near Seattle, the Washington State Department of Transportation said a demonstration closed the main road to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Social media posts showed people holding a banner and waving Palestinian flags while standing on the highway, which reopened about three hours later.

About 20 protesters were arrested at the Golden Gate Bridge demonstration and traffic resumed shortly after noon, according to the California Highway Patrol. The agency said officers were making arrests at two points on the interstate, including one spot where roughly 300 protesters refused orders to disperse,

"Attempting to block or shut down a freeway or state highway to protest is unlawful, dangerous, and prevents motorists from safely reaching their destinations," the agency said in a statement.

Oregon State Police said 52 protesters were arrested for disorderly conduct following the Interstate 5 protest in Eugene, Oregon, about 110 miles (177 kilometers) south of Portland. Six vehicles were towed from the scene.

New York Police made numerous arrests, saying 150 protesters were initially involved in the march around 3:15 p.m., but that number quickly grew. The bridge was fully reopened by 5 p.m.

In Chicago, dozens of protesters were arrested, according to Falaneh. Chicago police said Monday that "multiple people" were taken into custody after a protest where people obstructed traffic, but they did not have a detailed count.



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Over the past year, I have consistently declared my desire to give my own talks. During interviews, I would secretly wish the guests would say what I wanted say so I could capture the message without having to say it myself.

On the surface, there were a ton of good reasons why it wasn't materializing. Our studio was busy, I still had more learning to do, Our equipment wasn't right for my vision, my son was becoming a teenager, etc.

I recently discovered how fearful I was. Afraid of what people will think of me. That I'll be judged, or that I'll look silly. I recently had clarity to see behind the veil of "perfectly good reasons" and see the fear that was hiding underneath.

I've noticed that those who hold back their words often have something powerful to say, if only we have the courage to do so.

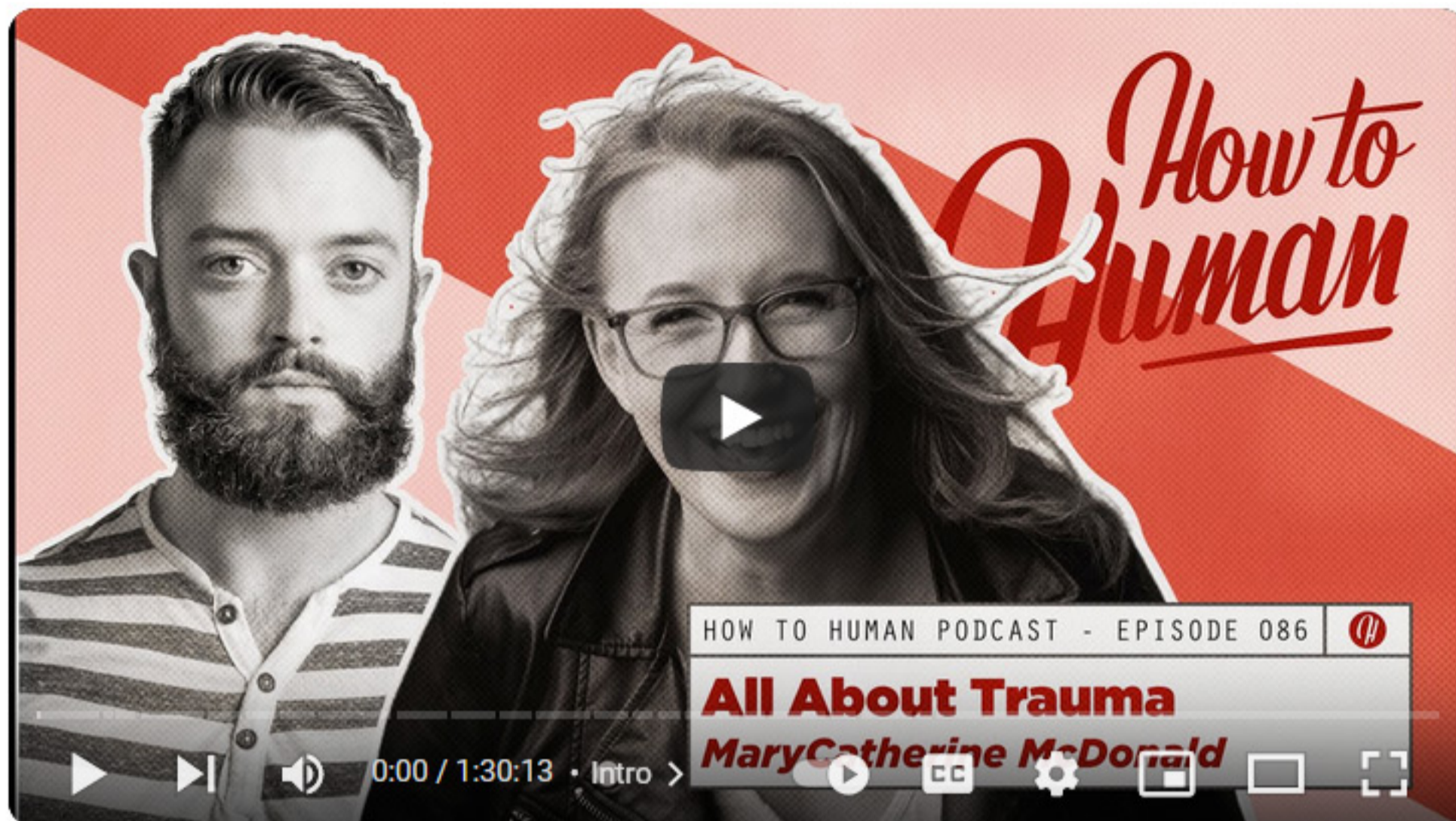
I want to share the things that took me a long time to realize, things I wish I had found out sooner. I have something to say, goddammit!

There have been so many excited, empty promises to myself over the years and it feels good to deliver on this promise.

With the help and support of my friends and business partners, I managed to record my first talk and share it with my close friends and patrons. With their support, two months later, I have the courage to share it with you.

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Hi there! I'm MC. I'm a PhD trauma researcher, author, certified life-coach and grief educator. I've spent over a decade researching trauma, grief, and resilience. I've written several scholarly articles and three books on trauma and mental illness.

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**David E. Sanger** (born July 5, 1960) is an American journalist who is the chief Washington correspondent for The New York Times, writing since 1982, covering foreign policy, globalization, nuclear proliferation, and the presidency.

He has been a member of three teams that won the Pulitzer Prize, and has been awarded numerous honors for national security and foreign policy coverage.

He is the author of four books: *The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power*,<sup>[1]</sup> *Confront and Conceal: Obama's Secret Wars and Surprising Use of American Power*,<sup>[2]</sup> *The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age*, and *New Cold Wars*.



Sanger during the MSC 2018

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<b>Alma mater</b>	<a href="#">Harvard College</a>
<b>Occupation</b>	<a href="#">Journalist</a>
<b>Employer</b>	<a href="#">The New York Times</a>
<b>Notable work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Inheritance</i></li> <li><i>Confront and Conceal: Obama's Secret Wars</i></li> </ul>
<b>Title</b>	Chief Washington Correspondent
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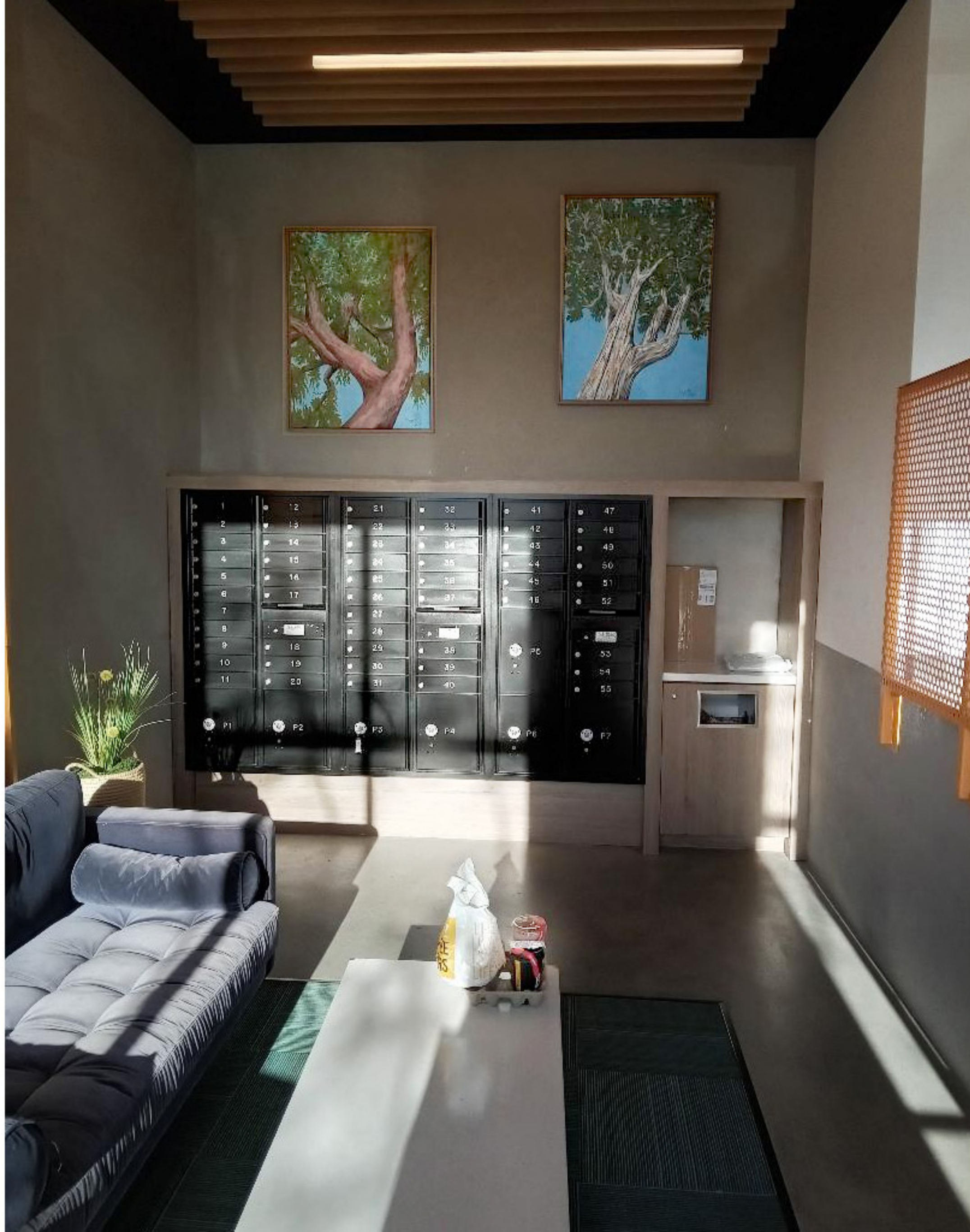
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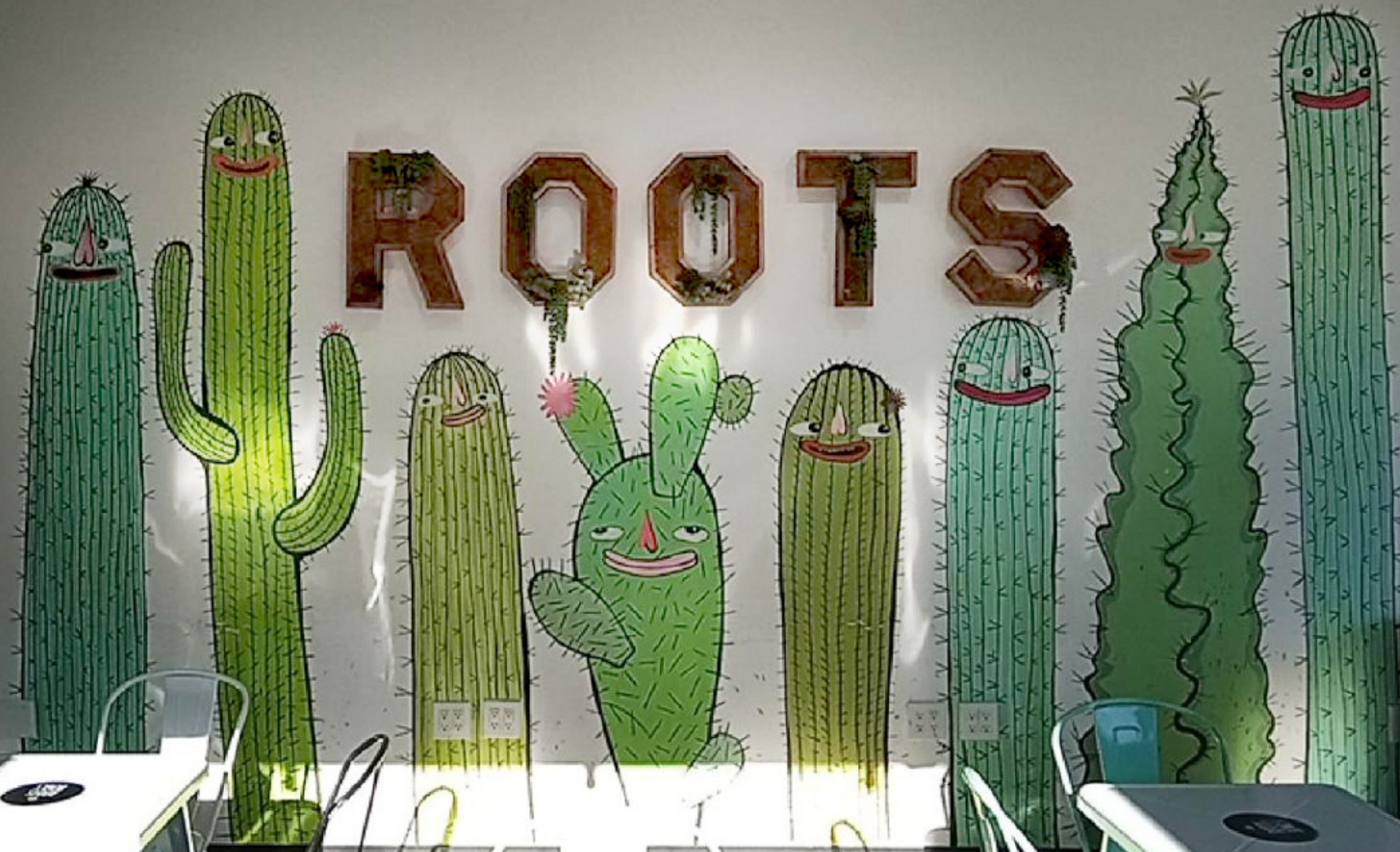
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## Know thyself – all too well: Why Taylor Swift's songs are philosophy

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▼ [Jessica Flanigan](#), *University of Richmond*

**Pop Tart Pop Star philosopher, Taylor Swift's** work now sits alongside that of Shakespeare and Aristotle. Aristotle, born 2400-odd years ago, is a pillar of Western civilization and one of the most revered thinkers in history. Shakespeare is the king of the literary canon, and widely regarded as the greatest English language writer of all time. Taylor Swift is a 34-year-old pop star best known for her break-up songs. Yet, her great works, alongside those of Shakespeare and Aristotle, is becoming a fixture of courses at top universities, as academics challenge entrenched ideas about the way they embrace the emotional self and about what constitutes worthy art. ADDITIONALLY, Pop-Tarts has asked pop star to release the recipe for the pastries Swift baked for her boyfriend and other offensive linemen for the Super Bowl winning Kansas City Chiefs. It's asking Swift to release her recipe "so fans can get creative and make their own at home, too." The brand said if Swift turns it over, Pop-Tarts would double a \$12,500 donation to Harvesters, a Feeding America partner food bank. Last year, Swift made as much as \$4.1 billion from her Eras Tour alone.

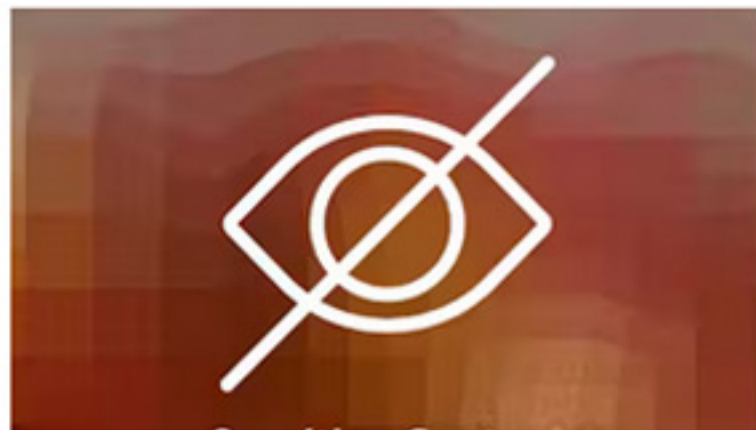
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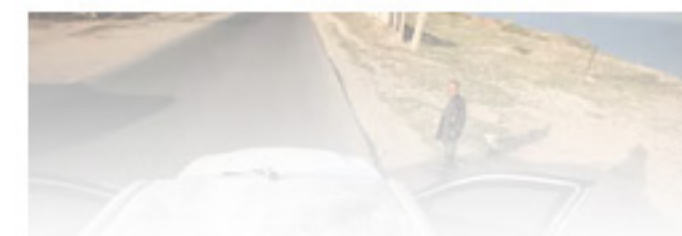
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# War in Gaza



# Israel launches missile strikes into Iran, U.S. military official says

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By Tom Bowman, Rob Schmitz, Peter Kenyon



Demonstrators wave a huge Iranian flag in an anti-Israeli gathering in front of an anti-Israeli banner on the wall of a building at the Felestin (Palestine) Sq. in Tehran, Iran, on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Vahid Salemi/AP

The Israeli military has conducted missile strikes against Iran, a senior U.S. military official told NPR on Thursday. There are also reports of explosions in Iraq and Syria.

The strikes appear to be the response Israel vowed to carry out after an Iranian attack on Sunday, when Tehran fired hundreds of drones and missiles at Israel. Most of Iran's volleys were intercepted or caused little damage. The U.S. military official spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday.

The extent of Israel's strikes and the weapons used weren't clear.

Iran state news agency IRNA reported a military official in the central Iranian city of Isfahan, Brigadier General Mihan Dost, as saying loud sounds heard east of the city were the sound of air defenses intercepting what he called a "suspicious target" and that no damage was reported in the area. Other Iranian news agencies had not reported any such strike and have concluded the sounds reported near Isfahan were the interception of one or more drones.

Israel's military and prime minister's office have not yet responded to NPR's request for comment.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed on social media that there is no damage to Iran's nuclear sites.

Meanwhile, Israel's hardline National Security Minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, wrote on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, that Israel's latest apparent strike against Iran was "weak" and too limited.

Commercial flights continue in and out of Israel, and the country's Home Front Command system, which is responsible for issuing threat alerts to civilians during tense military times, didn't change its threat level. In Iran, flights were temporarily grounded in the morning, but resumed just a couple of hours later.

The U.S. and other western allies had been urging Israel to forego a military strike to avoid a regional conflict springing out of the Israel-Hamas war.

Those concerns rose when an air strike – which Iran blamed on Israel – killed two Iranian military commanders in the country's consulate in Damascus, Syria, on April 1.

Iran said Sunday's attack on Israel was in response to that.

The region has been on the edge of wider conflict since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, which Israel says killed 1,200 people, and Israel's subsequent invasion of Gaza, which has killed more than 33,000 people, according to Gaza health officials.

Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah have traded frequent fire over the northern Israel border. Houthi militants, also backed by Iran, have been going after international commercial vessels passing through the Red Sea in recent months. The group's leaders claim they're targeting ships with links to Israel in response to the country's ongoing invasion of Gaza.

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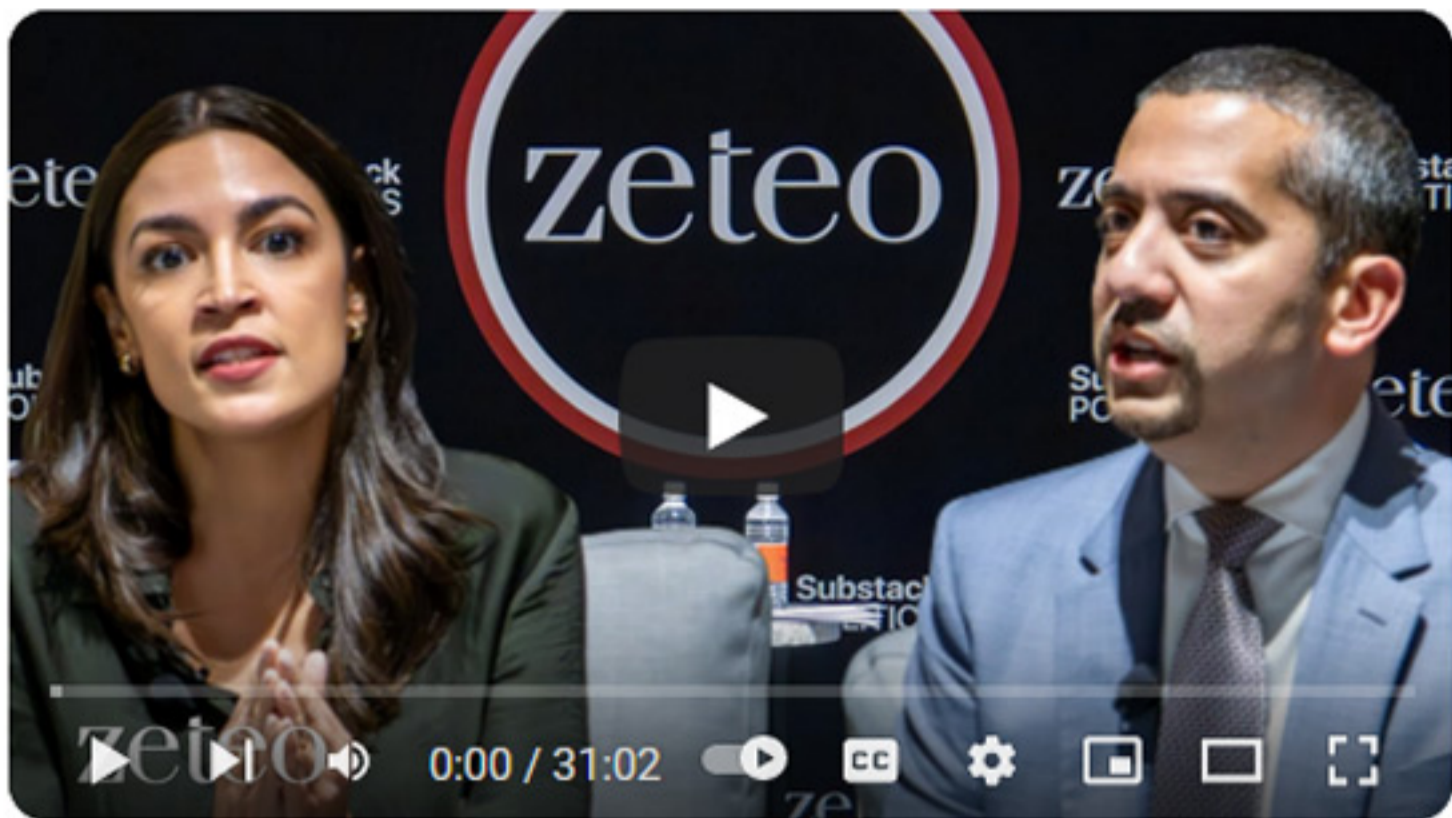
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In a launch event for Zeteo, Mehdi Hasan sits down with US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to discuss the escalating tensions between Iran and Israel, the ongoing genocide in Gaza and both sides-ism in the media.

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## TikTok fears point to larger problem: Poor media literacy in the social media age

Nir Eisikovits, UMass Boston

The whole complex of that hypocritical upper middle class cotton candy wrapped harsh reality we grew up in is indeed profoundly sad. Yet a powerful engine for material prosperity, if the benefits of such outweigh the consequence and that 'progress' is indeed a virtue. Even more troubling for me both personally and culturally was the push pull mixed message confusion of it all. As a child it's all you know, that's all you've ever known, you have nothing to weigh it against. The crazy appears to be the way it is. It's not to be questioned. The secrecy, the shaming humiliation, all the have to double binds and knots all seem to come as a bundle. Take it or leave it. It's only when I stepped out of the forest that I began to see the trees that doubt set in. It's taken a lifetime to identify the different floral & fauna of that odd landscape and the particular and peculiar properties of each invasive species. The ones I resonate with, the ones I don't. AND Holy f\*\*\*, but it's ground-shaking edifice-shattering heart-wrenching to face the truth and to see the ones that gave you life and your first definition of love and belonging as they actually are, so flawed, so very broken. That we are NOT good people. We are the delusional fanatical extremist genocidal land thieving colonial settlers socio-eco-terrorists in denial. Not to be too hard on ourselves. We do have other qualities. There are some outliers among us that are none of that, quite the opposite. But taken as a whole the mass production/population standard of living growth for a relative few has been equally countermanded by the mass destruction, exploitation fear angst nuclear annihilation, cost of living worries of an unjust burden suppressing the multitudes. Not to mention the two-thirds of wildlife and 75% of eco-niche important insects we've killed off in just the last 50 Years alone, in our adult life time. Boom/bust endless escalation. Not sustainable. The antithesis of caring. For what? Freedom? What freedom we have is on the backs of those so enslaved. Not the true live free or die ethos of our Hunter Gather ancestors less than ten thousand years ago. Such collective security/fear-ridden berserkerism begins with the land grabbing, neighbor exploiting, bean counting Agrarian Age. What goes up, must come down. This weird 'prosperity' bubble is bound to burst. We all carry the angst of that foreboding in back of our minds. It's prominent in our 'good book', in our psyches, the second coming, the rapture, the market crashing, if not depression, stagflation . . . blah, blah, blah. Chicken little . . . the sky is falling.

*"Henny-Penny, Rooster-Booster, and Ducky-Chucky waddled and waddled and waddled until they met up with the brawny Goosie-Brucie floating with ease at the other end of the pond. "Oh, Goosie-Brucie," Henny-Penny began, "the sky is falling! The sky is falling! We must alert the king! (An oral folk tradition fairy tale based on the original story first collected by Danish librarian Just Mathias Thiele, who in 1823 published an early version of the Henny Penny story in the Danish language.)"*

So we're not new, nor alone in this sense of pending doom as retribution for our collective guilt. The Industrial Revolution will do that to a peasant. But **going at the mind-boggling speed of TikTok**, it does feel ever imminent, if you have a horse is that race. Fear, baby, fear more than fossil fuels is what we run on. Run, baby, run.

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# A big thing has just happened to Bitcoin. It's called the halving

Bitcoin has just hit a quadrennial event called the halving. It will effectively reduce the supply of new bitcoin in half — and some believe it will spark a huge rally.



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New York City police officers in riot gear began making dozens of arrests at Columbia University Thursday afternoon, after school president **Minouche Shafik** asked for help clearing protesters from a **pro-Palestinian encampment**. "With great regret, we request the NYPD's help to remove these individuals," Shafik wrote. The protest and encampment were organized by activists who want Columbia University to divest from companies that operate in Israel. Protesters also want a cease-fire in Gaza and the creation of a Palestinian state. **Pro-Palestinian demonstrators** shut down airport highways and bridges in major cities.



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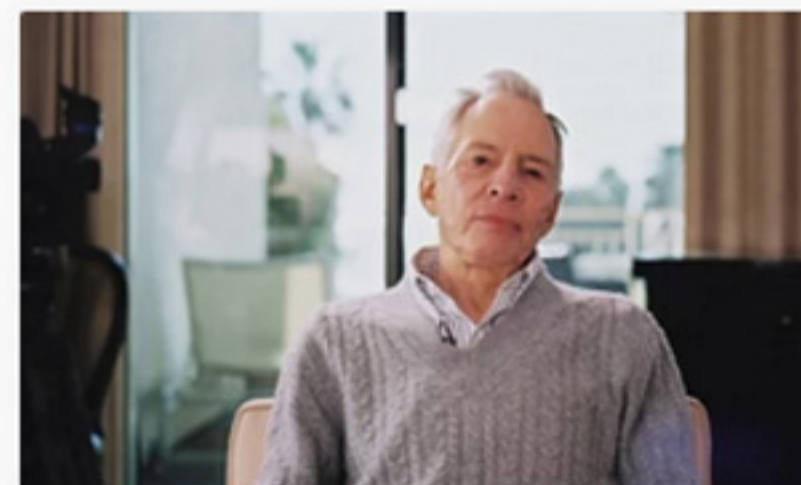
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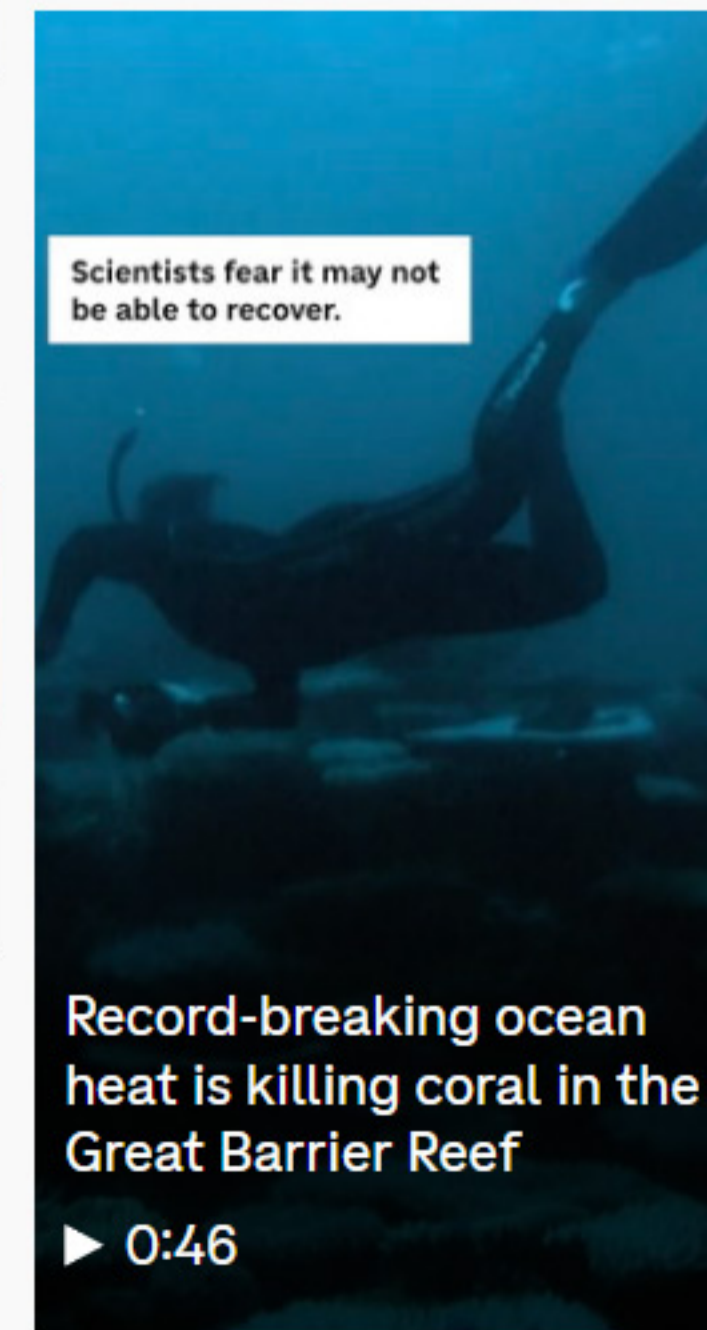
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## What we know about the shooting of an Uber driver in Ohio and the scam surrounding it



1 of 3 | In this image taken from Uber dashcam video released by the Clark County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office, William Brock, right, holds a weapon to Uber driver Loletha Hall outside his home in South Charleston, Ohio, on March 25, 2024. Brock, 81, who authorities say fatally shot Hall who he thought was trying to rob him after scam phone calls deceived them both, was indicted on a murder charge, Monday, April 15, 2024, by a Clark County grand jury. Hall had no knowledge of the calls made to Brock, authorities said. (Clark County Sheriff's Office via AP)

BY BEN FINLEY

Updated 4:47 PM PDT, April 19, 2024

An obituary for **Lo-Letha Hall** described her as the parent of a son and a stepson, a devoted member of her church and a talented cook known for delicious pound cakes. She retired from Ohio's Regional Income Tax Agency and also worked in behavioral health, at a school and for Uber. She studied horticulture at Ohio State and started a janitorial business. At a memorial service that was streamed online, her son Mario Hall spoke of how close they were even though they lived in different states, often speaking on the phone multiple times a day. He said they "had a bond like no other." "Thank you for all your sacrifices and all the things you have instilled in me," he said. "You are the best mom that anyone could ask for. And I promise to continue to make you proud."

It was a common scam that ended with an uncommon outcome, tragically in an Ohio driveway. William J. Brock fatally shot an Uber driver because he wrongly assumed she was part of a scheme to extract \$12,000 in supposed bond money for a relative, authorities said this week. Lo-Letha Hall was a victim of the same con, summoned by the grifters to Brock's house to retrieve a purported package for delivery. Brock later told investigators he believed Hall arrived to get the money the scammers wanted. He is now facing murder charges, to which he's pleaded not guilty. Hall's family is grieving. And Uber is helping investigators to try to catch whoever was behind the attempted swindle. The grift is commonly known as a grandparent scam or fraud, exploiting older people's love for their family, experts say. Callers claim to be anyone from grandchildren to police, telling victims something terrible happened and that their younger relative needs money. Here's what we know about the shooting and the investigation so far: Brock, 81, received scam calls the morning of March 25 at his home in South Charleston, a town of about 1,800 people between Dayton and Columbus. The calls regarded an incarcerated relative and "turned to threats and a demand for money," according to a statement from the Clark County Sheriff's Office. While Brock was on the phone, Hall got a request through the Uber app to pick up a package from Brock's house for delivery, the sheriff's office said. Hall, 61, of Columbus, was unaware of the attempted scam. "Upon being contacted by Ms. Hall, Mr. Brock produced a gun and held her at gunpoint, making demands for identities of the subjects he had spoken with on the phone," the sheriff's office said. Hall was unarmed and never threatened Brock or made any demands of him, the sheriff's office said. Brock took Hall's cellphone and refused to let her leave, the sheriff's office said. When she tried to get back into her car, Brock shot her. He shot her a second time and a third time during subsequent scuffles. Brock then called 911 to report he shot someone on his property who was trying to rob him. Police body camera footage shows him briefly discussing what he said had happened. "I'm sure glad to see you guys out here because I've been on this phone for a couple hours with this guy trying to say to me I had a nephew in jail and had a wreck in Charleston and just kept hanging on and needing bond money," Brock said. "And this woman was supposed to get it." The footage shows investigators discussing \$12,000 sitting on a table in Brock's house. The footage also shows a Clark County Sheriff's Office detective in Brock's house talking on the phone with a man who was talking to Brock earlier. He identified himself as an officer and told the detective, "You're going to be in trouble." When the detective identified herself as an actual police officer, the phone disconnected. During a subsequent phone call with the man, the detective told him the Uber driver was in a serious accident, in the hospital and "not doing well." The man told the detective he'd be there in 20 minutes. He was not.

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## Garden gnomes and porch swings: Lively front yards are linked to more connected residents

A new study finds a neighborhood's front yards may be the window to its soul: Welcoming or whimsical features such as benches and flamingos are linked to happier, more connected neighbors.

*A salve for America's loneliness epidemic could exist right in front of its homes.*



A new study finds that front yards with friendly features, such as pink flamingos or porch furniture, are correlated with happier, more connected neighbors and a greater "sense of place."

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By inhabiting and adapting the public-private interface in front of their homes, residents negotiate their relationship with passersby and public space, seeking to maximize their fit and satisfaction with their broader living environment. This study investigates how residents inhabit and adapt their public-private front yard interface in an urban American neighborhood, and how this process influences residents' satisfaction and sense of place. **The study concludes that most elements that residents place in their front yard positively influence their sense of place, but that especially elements that afford sociability of the public-private interface have an outsize positive influence.**

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**Daniel Clement Dennett III** (March 28, 1942 – April 19, 2024) was an American philosopher, writer, and cognitive scientist. His research centered on the philosophy of mind, the philosophy of science, and the philosophy of biology, particularly as those fields relate to evolutionary biology and cognitive science. Dennett married Susan Bell in 1962. They lived in North Andover, Massachusetts, and had a daughter, a son, and six grandchildren. He was an avid sailor. Dennett died at the age of 82 on April 19, 2024 at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine from complications of interstitial lung disease.

Daniel Dennett



Dennett in Moscow in 2012

<b>Born</b>	Daniel Clement Dennett III March 28, 1942 Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.
<b>Died</b>	April 19, 2024 (aged 82) Portland, Maine, U.S.
<b>Education</b>	Harvard University (BA) Hertford College, Oxford (DPhil)
<b>Notable work</b>	<i>Consciousness Explained</i> (1991) <i>Darwin's Dangerous Idea</i> (1995) <i>Breaking the Spell</i> (2006)
<b>Spouse</b>	Susan Bell (m. 1962)
<b>Awards</b>	Jean Nicod Prize (2001) Mind & Brain Prize (2011) Erasmus Prize (2012)
<b>Era</b>	20th/21st-century philosophy

<b>Region</b>	Western philosophy
<b>School</b>	Analytic philosophy · New Atheism <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Institutions</b>	Tufts University
<b>Thesis</b>	<i>The Mind and the Brain</i> <sup>↗</sup> (1965)
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Gilbert Ryle
<b>Main interests</b>	Philosophy of mind · cognitive science · free will · philosophy of religion <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Notable ideas</b>	Heterophenomenology Intentional stance Intuition pump Multiple drafts model Greedy reductionism Cartesian theater Belief in belief Free-floating rationale <sup>[2]</sup> Top-down vs bottom-up design <sup>[3]</sup> Cassette theory of dreams <sup>[4]</sup> Alternative neurosurgery <sup>[5]</sup> Sphekishness Brainstorm machine <sup>[6]</sup> Deepity <sup>[7]</sup>

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## The 4 biggest ideas in philosophy, with legend Daniel Dennett for Big Think+

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"Forget about essences." Philosopher Daniel Dennett on how modern-day philosophers should be more collaborative with scientists if they want to make revolutionary developments in their fields.

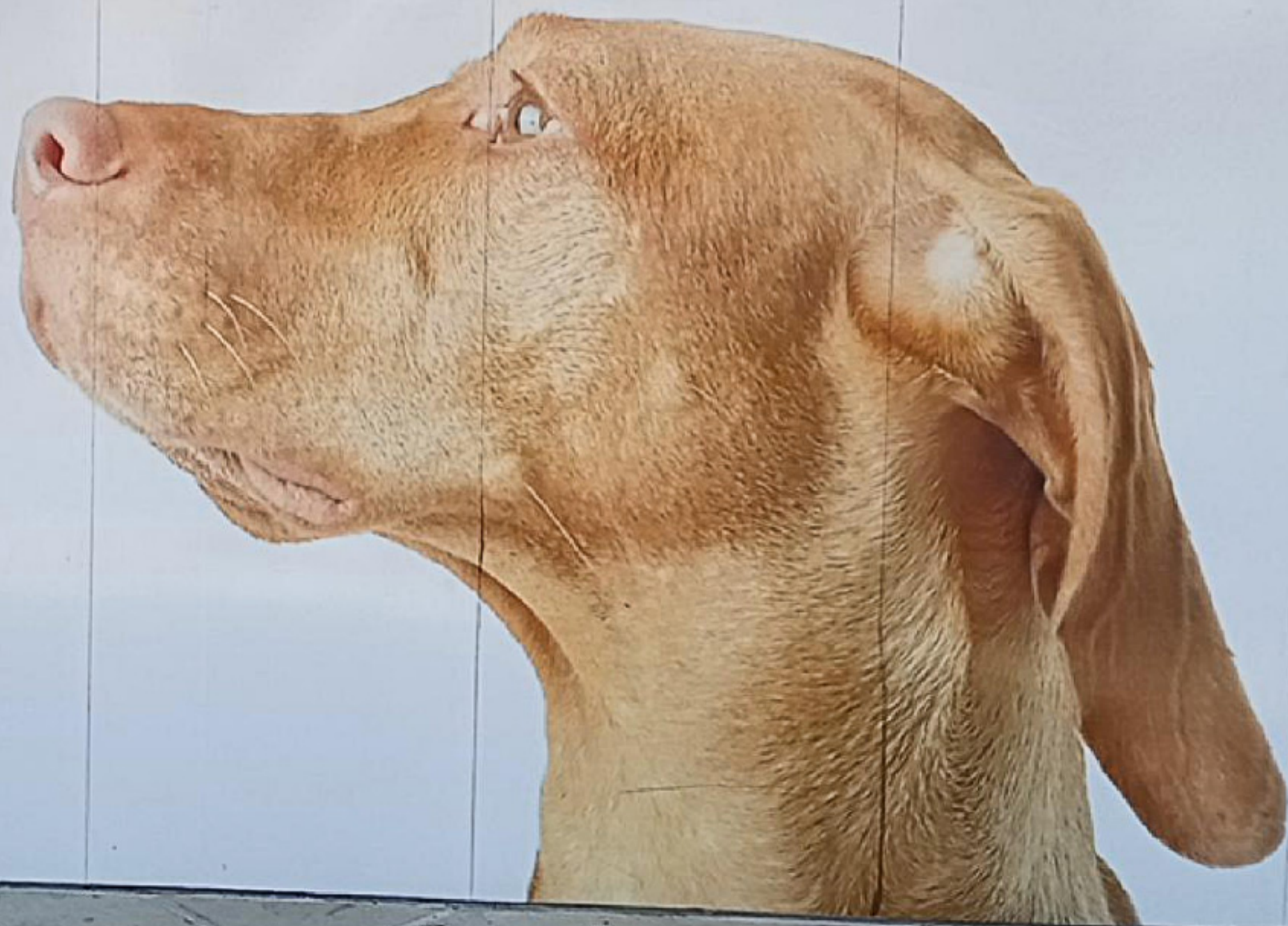
If you see a magician sawing a lady in half and somebody says, "Well, I'll tell you how it's done. They don't really saw the lady in half. They just make it appear that they're sawing the lady in half." And you say, "Yeah, okay, great. How do they do that?" "Oh, that's not my department. That's somebody else's job. I've already given you my explanation." Sometimes philosophers give answers like that. I think they just don't wanna be bothered. They don't wanna take on the responsibility to explain what's actually happening. What I like to do is explain things, and have them explained to me. Mainly, explanations are about how things work, why they happen the way they do. So I've been curious about how philosophers arrive at the positions they arrive at, how scientists make mistakes when they frame their own questions. I have often said that philosophy is better at questions than at answers- and that's nontrivial. They don't think it's their job to understand how things actually work, whereas I think that should be the job of philosophers.

**I'm Daniel Dennett.** I'm the author of more than a dozen books on the mind, on free will, on evolution. And I'm an Emeritus Professor from Tufts University. Since I was a little boy, I wanted to know how things worked. I wanted to take them apart and see what made them tick, what made them work. So I was sort of an engineer at heart. And it turns out that that's not a bad attitude to have as a philosopher. Figure out what makes ideas work and why. And so I've championed the idea that if you're gonna be a philosopher, learn about the world, learn about the science. I'm happy to say that now, philosophers who are scientifically trained way beyond what I ever was, is growing larger, and for the first time in my career, they're being taken seriously by the scientists. Because scientists are just as capable of making philosophical mistakes or getting into philosophical confusions as any laypeople. But they need the help of informed philosophers if they're gonna clarify those questions and ask better questions. A lotta people just dig in, double down, and refuse to abandon a point of view which is under attack from their critics. That in itself is not a bad thing. I'm glad that my criticisms are resisted so resolutely and ferociously by some of those I criticize, otherwise, we'd never get at the truth. I think it's very important to keep in the back of your mind: "What if I'm wrong?" When I was a graduate student in philosophy way back in the '60s in Oxford, one day with a group of fellow graduate students, we got talking about what happens when your arm goes asleep and you can't control it. What on earth is that all about? And I got interested and started asking questions about: Well, what is it, is it the nerves? Do they get pinched? Is it blood flow? What is it? And they thought it was bizarre that a philosopher would be interested in the physiological questions of what was going on. They thought I was abandoning philosophy. I went off to the medical library and tried to get myself educated on how the nervous system works. And that was a main turning point for me. It suddenly hit me when I learned about neurons, the cells of the brain that do the signaling, that they could be the basis for an evolutionary process in your brain, which was learning. That learning in the individual was just yet another Darwinian process. I didn't know much about evolution at the time, about natural selection, but I began to learn. And the more I learned, the more I thought, "This is the key. This is the great key to how things fit together." And we get rid of all the magic and we have a bottom-up theory of meaning and learning and truth and consciousness. And I'm, to this day, amazed at how complacent so many philosophers are with their utter ignorance of evolutionary theory. They think that if we had a physiological, mechanistic, physical explanation of creativity, of genius, of understanding, that this would somehow diminish and demean these wonderful phenomena- not at all. If we understand how amazingly intricate and wonderful and ingenious nature is in allowing us to understand things and create things, think ahead, we would dismiss the magical ideas out of hand. And I think that Darwin's ideas undo many of the biggest problems in philosophy, or at least, subvert them and turn them into better problems. And the fact that so many philosophers keep hammering away trying to find the essence of this or that, when Darwin has shown us that nothing of any interest has an essence; it's gradualism all the way. This is an idea that is just not dawned on a lot of philosophers, and for a very good reason. They learn from Socrates, from Plato. And the first thing they do is "define your terms," establish the essence of each thing, as Aristotle would put it. And that turns out to be the great philosophical mistake. Forget about essences. Learn about all the variation and the details and the penumbral cases. Then afterwards, you'll know what you're talking about. One of the most eye-opening moments for me was when I read Richard Dawkins' book "The Selfish Gene" and learned about his concept of memes. When Dawkins coined the term "memes," he had in mind something very general. The term caught on. It's in the dictionary now. But only a small subset are what most people think of as memes. And those are the ones that people deliberately and, presumably, intelligently design with the hopes that they'll go viral. And some of them do. But lots of memes go viral that don't involve the internet at all. Words are memes. Every word in every language is a meme. It's not genetically inherited, it's culturally transmitted. They evolve over time. And Dawkins' theory was a very general theory of how human cultural evolution hugely expands the powers of a human brain. In fact, I would put it very strongly. I would say, the difference between a chimpanzee and a human brain is that the brain of a chimpanzee is largely unfurnished. Whereas we fill our brains with memes. We download hundreds of thousands of memes, and that's where we get our power from. Your computer or your phone isn't a very powerful device until you download some apps to it. Those are like memes. We're awash in toxic memes right now. One of the most toxic, I think because it enables so many others, is the idea that truth doesn't matter, that truth is just relative, that there's no such thing as establishing the truth of anything. Your truth, my truth, we're all entitled to our own truths. That's pernicious, it's attractive to many people, and it is used to exploit people in all sorts of nefarious ways. **The truth really does matter.** I think one of my best ideas is the "intentional stance," the idea that we automatically adopt the strategy of treating anything complicated and interesting, if we can, as an agent. What does it want? What does it know? What does it believe? We use the intentional stance all the time to endow

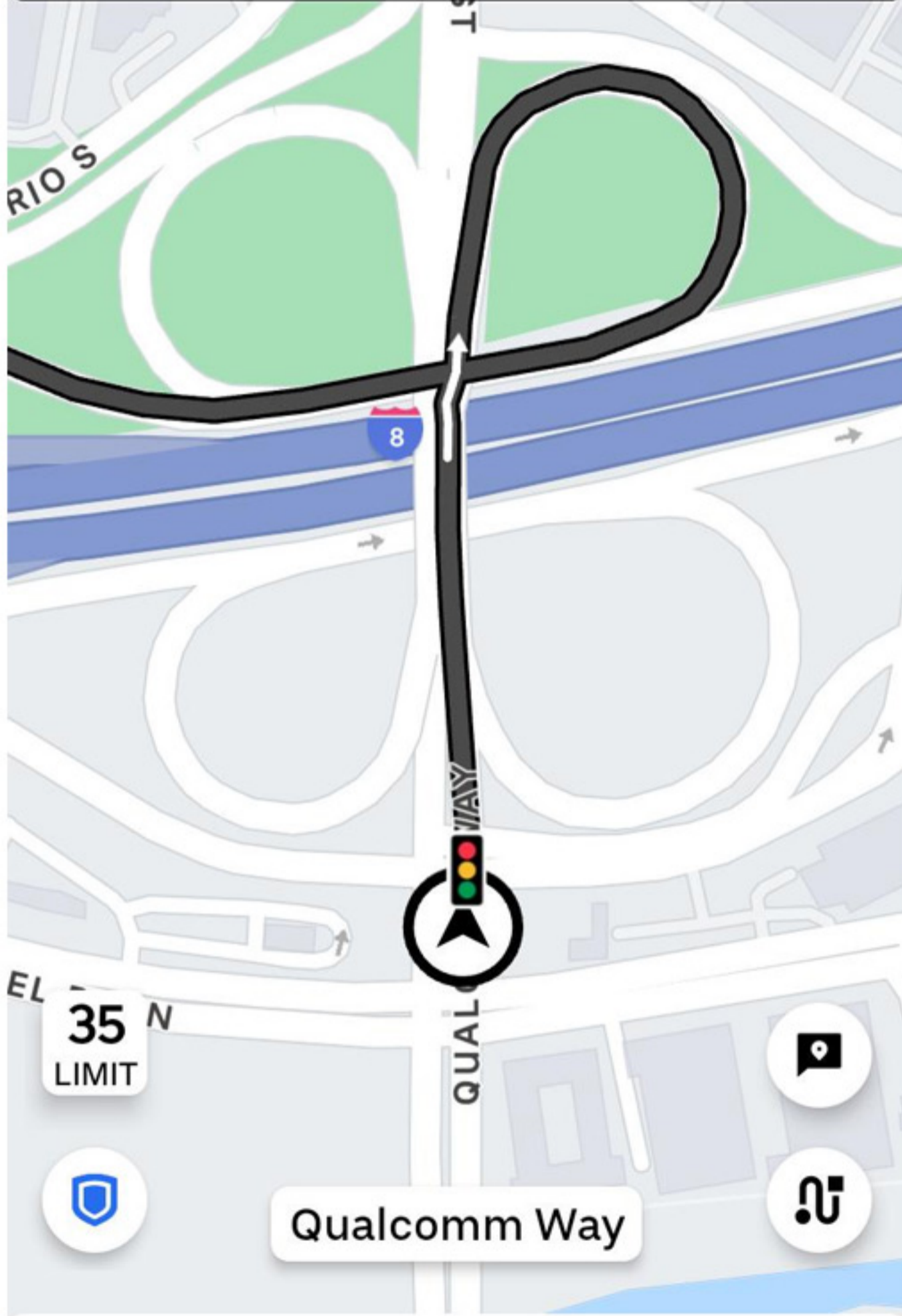
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APR 20, 2024



A small group of high-tech-savvy entrepreneurs who understand the velocity of technological innovation have harnessed this new power to establish predatory high-tech monopolies such as Uber or Amazon. They subvert labor laws, strip the state of its powers, gut regulation, ignore legal norms and amass personal fortunes in the hundreds of billions of dollars. Their apps, services and private equity firms dominate our lives. They are technological predators seeing in every aspect of social existence commodification. The living wages of working people decline, the gig economy abolishes job protection, sustainable incomes and benefits, AI replaces humans. The most vulnerable are pillaged for profit. The sick feed the profits for Big Pharma. The bodies of poor men and women on the streets of our bleak, deindustrialized cities, are worth nothing until they are locked in a cage in the world's largest prison system, generating 50 or 60 thousand dollars a year to the prison-industrial complex, including privatized phone services, money transfer services, commissary and medical services. Utilities, sold to private companies, gouge us with overpriced water, electrical, parking and sewage bills. At the same time, we are the most watched, photographed, spied upon and monitored population in human history. This technology, far from improving our lives, is creating a new serfdom, if not a new slavery, all the while propelling us at a dizzying rate towards ecocide. Joining me to discuss our dystopian present and our dystopian future is Loretta Napoleoni author of *Techno-Capitalism: The Rise of the New Robber Barons and the Fight for the Common Good*.

**Loretta Napoleoni** (born 1955) is an Italian journalist and political analyst. She reports on the financing of terrorism, connected finance, and security related topics. Napoleoni was born in Rome in 1955. She studied at Sapienza University, Rome. She holds a MPhil in International Relations and an MA in Terrorism studies from the London School of Economics (LSE). She studied as a Fulbright scholar at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C.. She was also a Rotary Scholar at the LSE. A childhood friend was arrested for involvement in the Red Brigades and Napoleoni wrote her PhD on the group. In the early 1980s, she worked at the National Bank of Hungary on the convertibility of the Hungarian forint. This became the blueprint for the convertibility of the ruble a decade later. She is a member of the scientific committee of the Fundación Ideas para el Progreso, the think tank of Spain's Socialist Party, and she is a partner with Oxfam Italia. Napoleoni's writing has appeared in Italian newspapers such as *il Caffè*, *La Repubblica*, and *Il Fatto Quotidiano*. She has worked as a foreign correspondent and columnist for the Spanish newspaper *El País*. She is chairperson of the Club de Madrid group studying the financing of terrorism



At the dawn of the digital revolution, the internet was going to be the great equalizer, a global democratic force. Instead, with the money printed electronically to bail out banks, Wall Street ended up funding a new breed of serial capitalists, the Tech Titans, who embraced rapid, transformational change while stripping their workers of rights and enriching themselves beyond anybody's wildest imagination; and the Space Barons, who mine new frontiers for precious resources. Then came the gig-economy, another supposed digital equalizer, where everybody was his or her own boss, but it was just another illusion. Tech pioneers like Google, Facebook, Apple, Uber, and Microsoft never had any intention of spreading democracy. Those who control and own the technology are the absolute masters. As artificial intelligence enters the labor market, companies like Uber are able to cut labor costs to the barest of minimums, by squeezing workers' privileges and rights. In Technocapitalism, Napoleoni describes these phenomena as the genesis of a new paradigm, born in a period of extraordinary change in which the acceleration of transformational change has caused a dizzying, anxiety-induced paralysis from the FTX collapse to AI, private space companies to the war in Ukraine, from inflation to the dirty environmental truth of EV car batteries. Technological transformation is occurring at a speed that is existentially unbearable for most of us. We must fight for our common good to address today's real challenges of global warming and militarism and the soullessness of capitalist endeavor. Napoleoni shows us how.

# Taylor Swift - Fortnight (feat. Post Malone) (Official Music Video)



Sunday, April 21, 2024

<https://youtu.be/q3zqjs7JUCQ>

Post Malone, **Taylor Swift**'s duet partner on *The Tortured Poets Department* opener and lead single "**Fortnight**" — and the leading man in Swift's new music video for the track — posted a heartfelt message for Swift on Saturday (April 20). "It's once in a lifetime that someone like @taylorswift comes into this world," Post, also a co-writer on "Fortnight," wrote alongside a snapshot of the two. "I am floored by your heart and your mind, and I am beyond honored to have been asked to help you with your journey." "When I was writing the 'Fortnight' music video, I wanted to show you the worlds I saw in my head that served as the backdrop for making this music," Swift wrote on Instagram. "Pretty much everything in it is a metaphor or a reference to one corner of the album or another."



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## UAW wins big at Volkswagen in Tennessee – becoming the first foreign-owned factory in the American South to unionize

Bob Bussel, University of Oregon

**Revving up:** The UAW's campaign is just starting to rev up. And the timing is ideal. A 2023 National Labor Relations Board ruling provides unions with additional leverage in this process. If management refuses to grant the union's request for recognition, the employer would then be required to seek an NLRB representation election.

To win, unions normally need a majority of those voting. But in accordance with the new ruling, if management is found to have interfered with workers' rights during the election process, it could then be required to bargain with the union.

The UAW says it's waging organizing campaigns at more than two dozen other nonunion plants, including factories run by Hyundai in Montgomery, Alabama, and Toyota in Troy, Missouri.

**I believe that the stakes are high for all workers, not just those in the auto industry.**

As D. Taylor, the president of Unite Here, a union that represents workers in a wide range of occupations, recently observed: "If you change the South, you change America."

A decisive majority of the Volkswagen workers employed at a factory in Chattanooga, Tennessee cast their ballots in favor of joining the United Auto Workers union, the German automaker announced on April 19, 2024. The union has already scheduled another election that will occur less than a month after the Volkswagen vote. More than 5,000 workers at the Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance, Alabama, will have their say on whether to join the UAW in a vote that will run May 13-17, 2024.



plant employee Kiara Hughes



**Sarah C. Paine** (in publications, S. C. M. Paine) is a professor of strategy and policy at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. She has written and co-edited several books on naval policy and related affairs, and subjects of interest to the United States Navy or Defense. Other works she has authored concern the political and military history of East Asia, particularly China, during the modern era. Paine spent ten years acquiring her PhD in Russian and Chinese history at Columbia University, which included five years of research and language study in China, Taiwan, Russia, Japan, and Australia.[1][2] She has received two Title VIII fellowships from the Hoover Institution,[3] two Fulbright fellowships, and other fellowships from Japan, Taiwan, and Australia. She is married to Bruce A. Elleman, a professor at the U.S. Naval War College.[4] She has two brothers – John B. Paine III, and Thomas M. Paine.

## Sarah C. M. Paine - WW2, Taiwan, Ukraine, & Maritime vs Continental Powers



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I learned so much from Sarah Paine, Professor of History and Strategy at the Naval War College.

We discuss:

- how continental vs maritime powers think and how this explains Xi & Putin's decisions
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- why the British Empire fell apart, why China went communist, how Hitler and Japan could have coordinated to win WW2, and whether Japanese occupation was good for Korea, Taiwan and Manchuria
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## NWC INS Lecture Series -- Lecture 2 "Who Lost the Vietnam War?"

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From Professor Paine: The Vietnam War was an insurgency nested within a regional war nested within an overarching Cold War. Operationally North Vietnam defeated South Vietnam in the regional war. For the United States, however, Vietnam was a hot theater of the global Cold War that it ultimately won. The lecture explains how the Vietnam War contributed to this outcome by undermining the Sino-Soviet Alliance.

## Supreme Court weighs whether cities can punish unhoused people for sleeping outside

Lower courts ruled it's "cruel and unusual" to fine or jail people on public land if no shelter is available. An Oregon city says that's hamstrung efforts to keep public spaces safe and open to all.

... shortage has pushed rents to levels many cannot afford, which advocates say is a main driver of rising homelessness. Even where places are investing heavily to create more affordable housing, it will take a while to catch up. This Supreme Court case won't solve any of that, but it could dramatically shape the lives of those forced to live on streets, parks and back alleys for years to come.



A group of volunteers check on homeless people living in a park in Grants Pass, Ore., on March 21., 2024

## Photos: Jerusalem's sacred crossroads endures in a time of war

The convergence of three Christian, Muslim and Jewish holidays this spring led to fears of violence. But the city central to these major religions has remained largely peaceful.

It is in Jerusalem where the ancient Jewish Temples stood, and billions of faithful believe Jesus was resurrected and the Prophet Muhammad ascended into paradise. Amid the war in Gaza and tensions over access to major holy sites, this complex, ancient and diverse city that's central to Judaism, Islam and Christianity has remained largely peaceful.



Christians hold a candlelight procession in Jerusalem outside the Church of All Nations, also known as the Church of Gethsemane, on March 28. This year, Easter, Purim and Ramadan overlapped for the first time in three decades.

## Photos: Jerusalem's sacred crossroads endures in a time of war



Demonstrators hold signs urging the government to reach a deal for release of hostages taken from Israel by Hamas-led militants on Oct. 7, as they and Israeli security forces watch a parade through Jerusalem for the Jewish holiday of Purim. Despite the war in Gaza, the city hosted an official Purim parade for the first time in more than 40 years, among muted crowds and protesters.

Ayman Oghanna for NPR

## Four 'American Indicators' share their view of the U.S. economy — and their politics

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By Ari Shapiro, Mallory Yu, Michael Levitt



Four "American Indicators," people who represent different parts of the economy in different parts of the country, talk about their politics as the presidential election looms.

*Courtesy of Arch City Defenders, Winton Machine Company, Bhavesh Patel and the Just One Project*

The pandemic throttled many parts of the American economy, just as President Biden was taking office. Since then, jobless numbers have dropped and unemployment is below 4%. Yet, a recent poll conducted by The Economist and YouGov found that more than 50% of participants felt the economy was getting worse overall. And that's important because Americans often rank the economy as a top voting issue. *All Things Considered* spoke with four "American Indicators" throughout the Biden presidency, four people in different parts of the country reflecting different parts of the economy. Now that it's an election year, they spoke with NPR again — this time, to talk about their own politics.

**Travel:** Bhavesh Patel, a franchise hotel owner says right now, high-end hotels are doing much better than the midscale places he runs. The wealth gap has continued to grow over the last few years. Between those challenges and tighter regulations, he sometimes wonders whether he should have chosen a different career. "I don't want the government telling me how to run my business," he says. "I don't want all these different rules and stipulations out there and what-not." Patel calls himself a moderate Republican. He voted for former President Donald Trump in 2016, then for President Biden in 2020. And he still hasn't decided who he's going to vote for this time around.

**Housing:** Lee Camp is a housing attorney in St. Louis. In his city, he says, rents keep increasing and the availability of housing is decreasing. "I'm certainly not hearing anyone in the renter space, particularly the low-income renter space, excited about the direction of the economy," he says. "What is extremely unfortunate at this point is that the eviction filings themselves are as high as I've ever seen them in my career. One thing that's been substantially changing is the resumption of student loan payments. I would encourage [the Biden Administration] to go further, particularly if they get the option to do so in a second term."

**Food:** When Brooke Neubauer, founder of the Just One Project, the largest distributor of groceries to at-risk individuals in Nevada, looks at the economy today, she says there are plenty of jobs, but "what I'm hearing from my clients is that the wages have not caught up with the cost of living." "I'm not a fan of a president who is unkind," she says. "And look, I spend my life's work trying to make the world a better place. I spend my time as a mom teaching my kids to be kind and inspiring them to be loving. I couldn't bear to vote for a presidential candidate that was not aligned with my values." Neubauer has voted for both Democrats and Republicans in the past, and she says she has an open mind when going to the polls. But she's decided on this election. "I just can't fathom that Donald Trump is the best thing that we have come up with to run for president."

**Manufacturing:** In Georgia, Lisa Winton, co-founder of Winton Machine Company, sees herself as a pocketbook voter — not just for herself, but for the 40 people her company employs. "I have those 40 people to think about and I have their families to think about, and then I have my vendors to think about," she says. "So it's hard not to think about those fiscal policies." Asked which candidate she thinks will get her vote, she answers, "I am so torn. I don't know yet. I'm not happy with the current administration," she says. "I'm not happy with a lot of policies that have been enacted. But I'm also, on a social standpoint, not happy with some policies." Ultimately, Winton wants to see a moderate candidate in the White House, and she doesn't feel that either of the options in front of her fit that description. "Like so many other voters, I feel like there has to be a better solution."





## Tesla cuts the price of its "Full Self Driving" system by a third to \$8,000

Tesla knocked about a third off the price of its "Full Self Driving" system — which can't drive itself and so drivers must remain alert and be ready to intervene — to \$8,000 from \$12,000, according to the company website.



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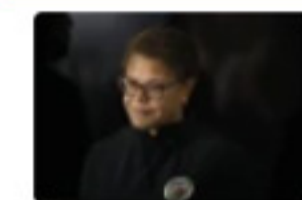
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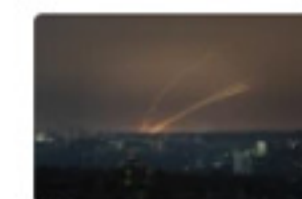
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A man dressed in imperial costume depicting the emperor stands at a souvenir store near Great Wall of China on the outskirts of Beijing, Saturday, April 13, 2024. (AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

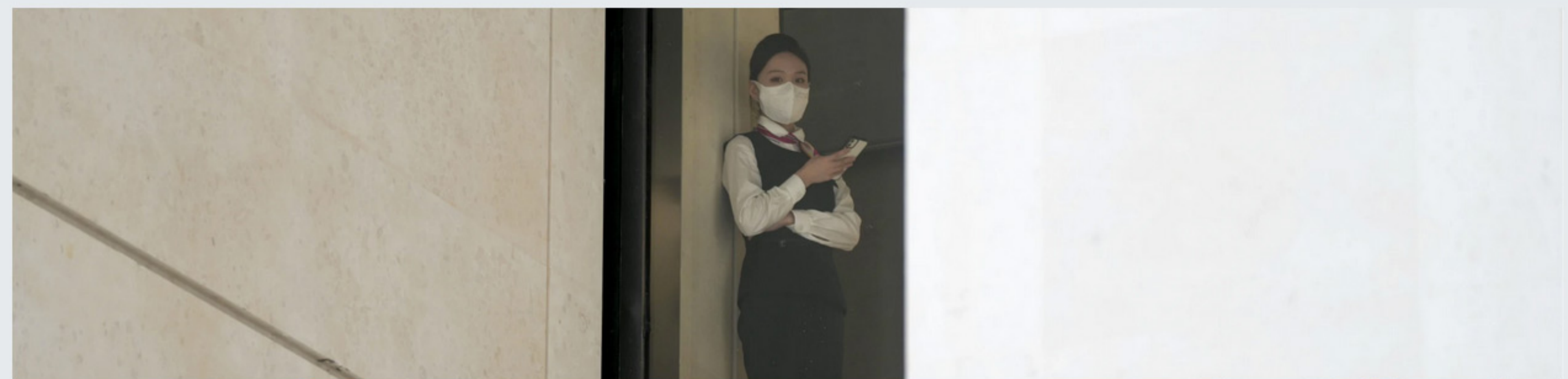
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Jon Batiste performs during the second weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif. (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP)

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Kim Chae-won, left, Hong Eun-chaе, Kazuha, Sakura Miyawaki, and Huh Yun-jin of Le Sserafim perform during the second weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif. (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP)

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Gwen Stefani of No Doubt performs during the second weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif. (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP)

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Doja Cat performs during the first weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club on Sunday, April 14, 2024, in Indio, Calif. (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP)

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Lil Yachty performs during the the first weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club on Sunday, April 14, 2024, in Indio, Calif. (Photo by Amy Harris/Invision/AP)

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Festivalgoers are seen during the the first weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club on Friday, April 12, 2024, in Indio, Calif. (Photo by Amy Harris/ Invision/AP)

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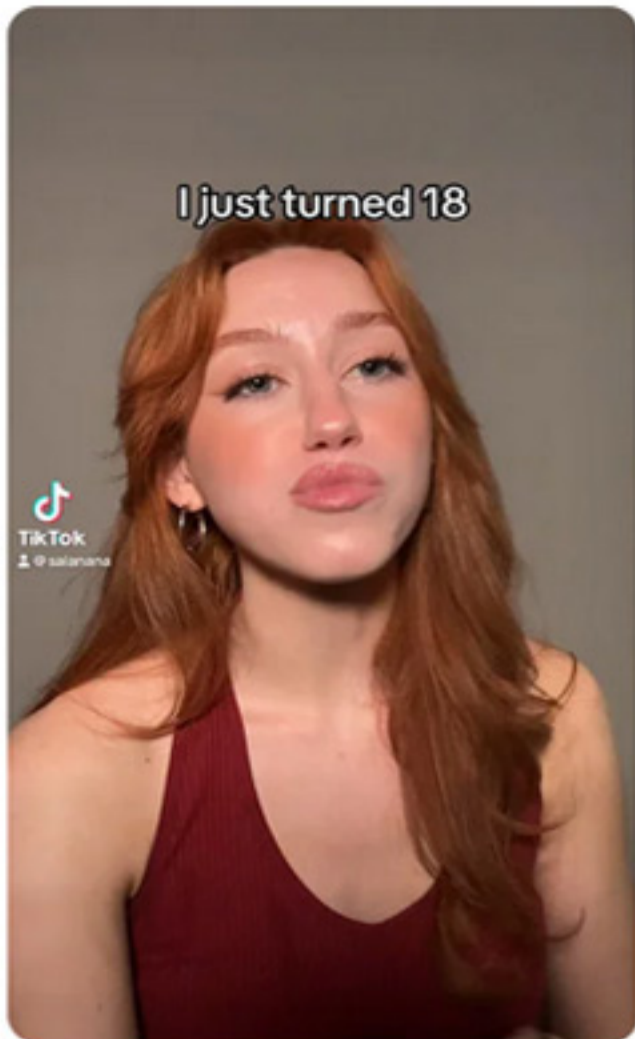
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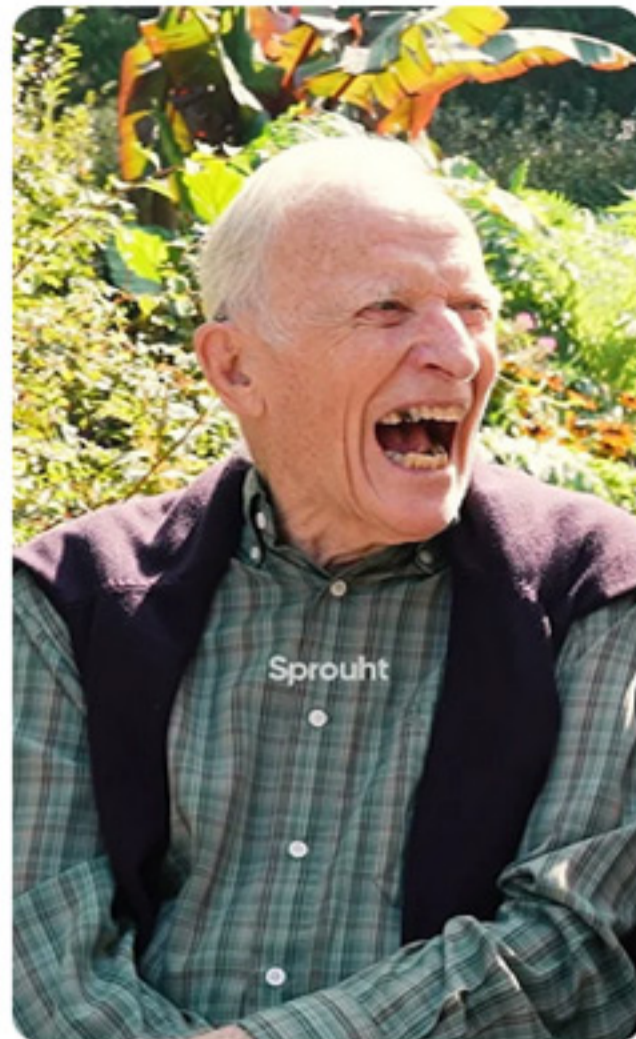
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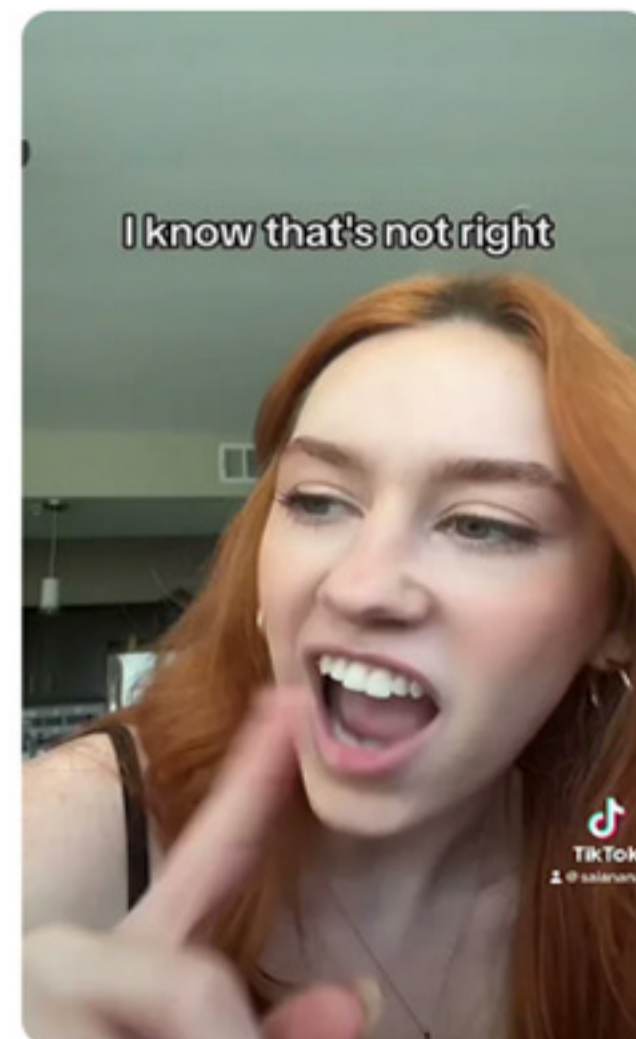
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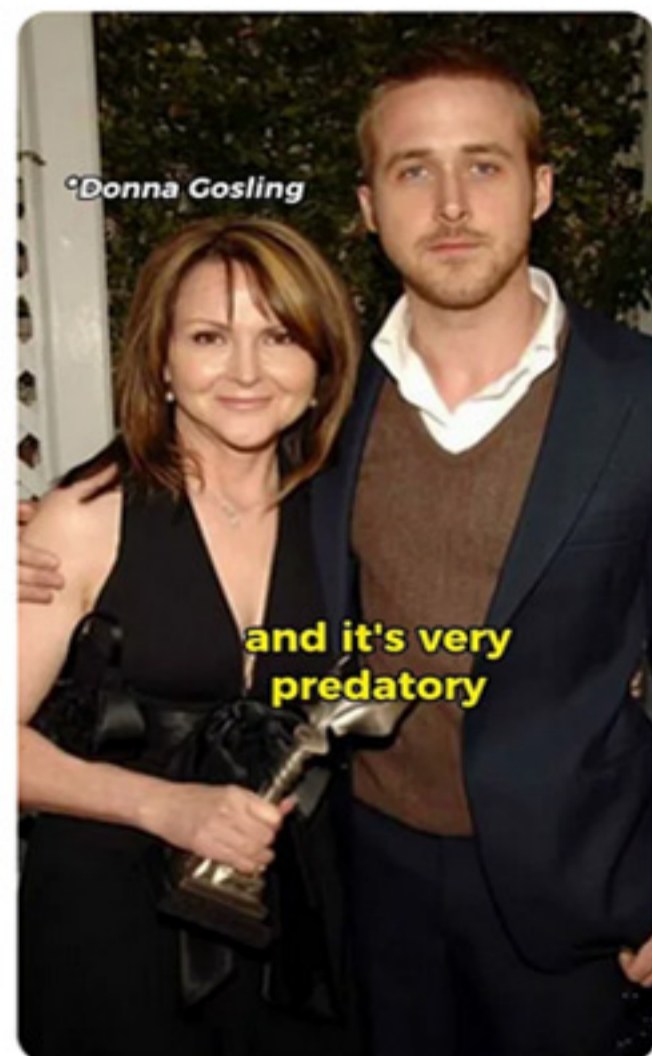
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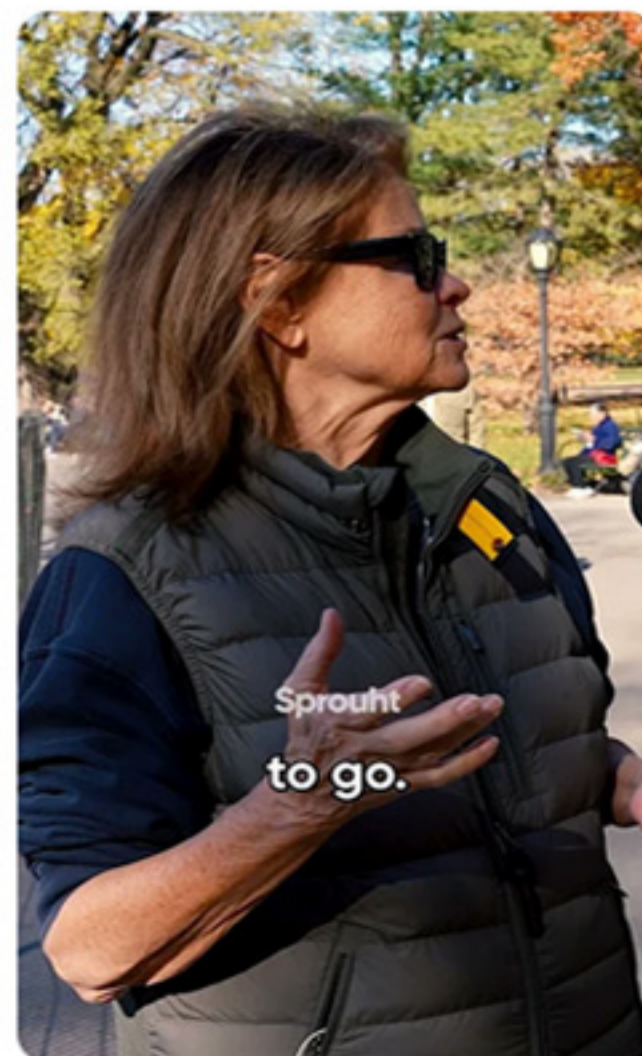
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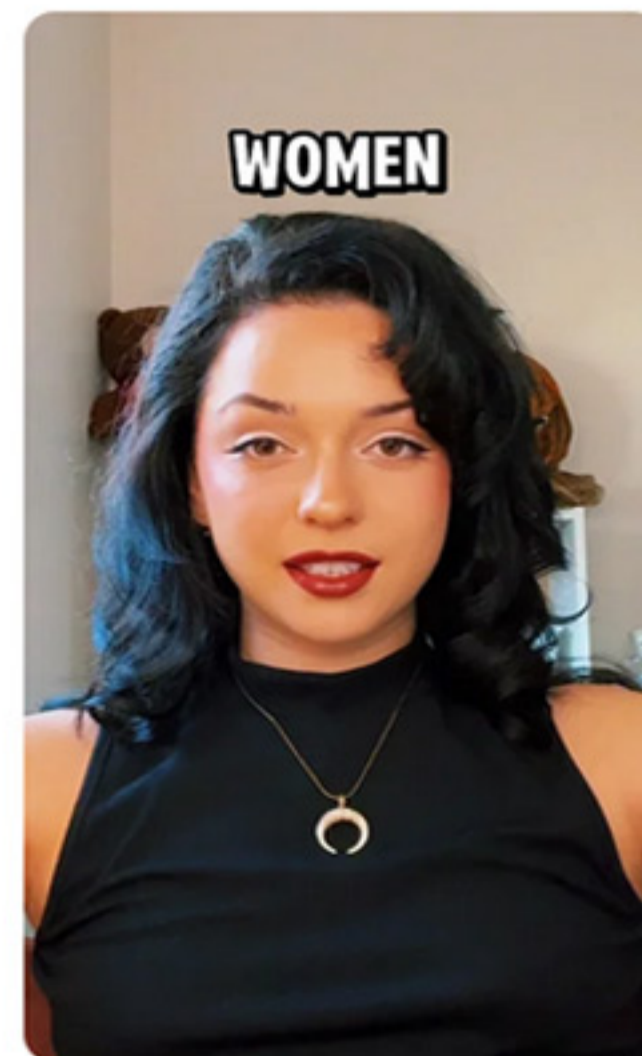
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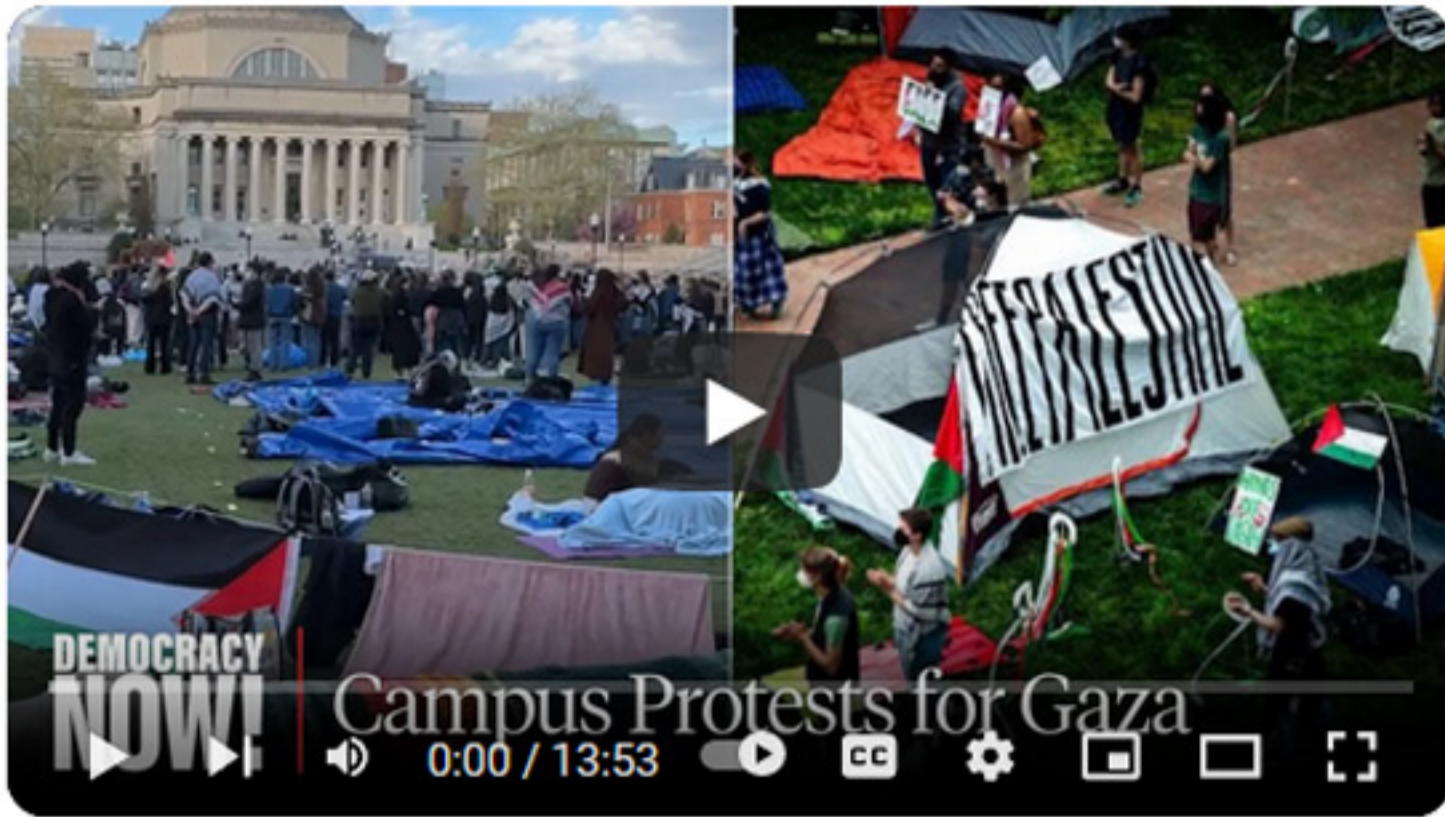
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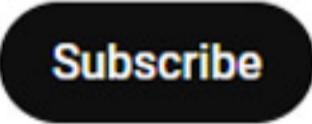




## Historic Gaza Protests at Columbia U. Enter Day 6; Campus Protests Spread Across Country



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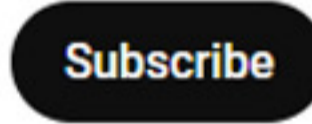
Columbia University canceled in-person classes Monday as campus protests over the war in Gaza enter a sixth day. The protests have swelled after the school administration called in the police to clear a student encampment last week, resulting in over 100 arrests. Solidarity protests and encampments have now sprouted up on campuses across the country, including at Yale, MIT, Tufts, NYU, The New School and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Palestinian reporter Jude Taha, a journalism student at Columbia University, describes events on campus as "an unprecedented act of solidarity" that student organizers are modeling on antiwar protests in 1968. She says Columbia University President Minouche Shafik's claims of an unsafe environment on campus are contradicted by the generally calm and productive atmosphere among the protesters, adding that the school's heavy-handed response, including suspensions and evictions, is being seen as "an intimidation tactic" by organizers.



## "No Due Process": Columbia Prof. Mamdani Slams Arrests & Suspension of Students at Gaza Protests



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We speak with Mahmood Mamdani, a professor of government at Columbia who has spoken with many of the pro-Palestine protesters camping out on school grounds to show solidarity with Gaza and demand the school divest from Israel. He says there is growing outrage from faculty after the school's leadership called in the police to raid the Gaza Solidarity Encampment and conduct mass arrests, while administrators have started suspending and evicting some students. "There has been no due process on the Columbia campus," says Mamdani.

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## Opening statements are the most important part of a trial – as lawyers in Trump’s hush money case know well

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### What I teach Harvard Law School students about opening arguments

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## Why don't female crickets chirp?

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Insects communicate in lots of different ways, for many reasons. Some, such as butterflies and beetles, use color, patterns and other visual cues to attract mates or warn potential predators that they don't taste very good. Others, like fireflies, use bioluminescence – light that they produce in their bodies – to attract potential mates. Still others send chemical signals to interact with other animals and plants, or to defend against predators. Insects also use sound to communicate, most often to attract mates. The ways in which they produce sounds can vary a lot, depending on what insect is making the sound.

**Ah, there's the rub:** Most insects create sound through a behavior called stridulation, which is basically rubbing two body parts against each other to make a noise, like a bow rubbing across a violin string. In all cases, there is a ridged structure on one body part that is rubbed across the surface of another ridged structure on a different body part, producing sound. Many arthropods – the group that includes insects, spiders, centipedes, millipedes and lobsters – stridulate for a variety of reasons. They may do it to establish territory or as a warning, but most commonly they use it to attract a mate.

Stridulation has been most thoroughly studied in grasshoppers, crickets and katydids, which all are members of an insect group called orthopterans, meaning “straight wings.” Grasshoppers and katydids rub a hind leg against a wing to make their songs; crickets rub one of their wings quickly over the surface of their other wing. People often describe this as singing, but it's really more like playing an instrument.

**Among crickets, males are the only ones that make noise because females don't have sound-producing structures on their wings.** But the female can hear very well and will come to a male who is signaling to her from some distance away. She also is very good at distinguishing the song of her species from those of other cricket species and zeroing in on the male who is singing to her. When male crickets sing, they make themselves vulnerable to predators. So they tend to sing from hiding places, such as tall grasses or cracks in rocks. This is why it can be hard to find a chirping cricket that's inside your house – it's probably tucked into a vent or the corner of an attic, and it will stop singing when humans approach because it feels the vibrations from their footsteps.

Different cricket species sing slightly different songs. You can learn to recognize them with a little practice, even if you never find the actual crickets. And to know whether a cricket, katydid or grasshopper is singing, look at the time of day. Crickets start to sing beginning at dusk, just as the Sun is going down. Katydid mainly sing late at night when it is totally dark, and grasshoppers sing during the day.

# What the Starbucks case at the Supreme Court is all about. Hint: It's not coffee

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Florentino Escobar (second from right) and the six other Starbucks employees known together as the Memphis 7 stand in front of a Memphis, Tenn., mural that honors the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers strike.

# Ex-National Enquirer publisher testifies against Donald Trump in hush money trial

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Former *National Enquirer* publisher David Pecker speaks from the witness stand during Trump's criminal trial on charges that he falsified business records to conceal money paid to silence adult film star Stormy Daniels in 2016, in Manhattan state court in New York City, on Monday, in this courtroom sketch.

Jane Rosenberg

**David Pecker** was once the publisher of one of America's largest tabloids. But on Monday, Pecker's old role took on a new light: as the first witness to testify in a criminal trial against a former U.S. president. Pecker is the former CEO of American Media Inc., which until 2019, was the publishing company of the *National Enquirer* magazine. He is now the first witness to testify against Donald Trump, the presumptive 2024 GOP presidential nominee, in a trial accusing the former president of 34 felony counts of falsifying business records with the intent to further other crimes. Trump has pleaded not guilty to all charges. Pecker's testimony is scheduled to continue on Tuesday.

On Monday, the prosecution's opening statements told the story of how they believe Pecker, Trump and Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen conspired using a so-called "catch and kill" scheme in August of 2015 to bury negative stories that could be damaging to Trump's 2016 electoral prospects and promote articles in the tabloid that were negative about his opponents.

Prosecutor Matthew Colangelo said the evidence will show that Pecker found potentially damaging info through his tabloid network and then reported back to Trump and Cohen. This includes payments to Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal, who was going to allege publicly she had an affair with Trump and allegations of an affair by adult film star Stormy Daniels. His testimony could corroborate Cohen's, which the defense is already seeking to discredit. Pecker is also likely to testify about the plan for him to pay McDougal, which Trump did not reimburse him for. This sets up the context for Cohen paying Daniels, which the prosecutors argue happened because Pecker wouldn't pay a second time.

Pecker, who was on the stand for less than a half hour before the first day wrapped at around lunchtime, testified to the editorial structure of his magazine and about the level of oversight he had on the stories. He also confirmed his phone numbers, which the prosecution suggested could be relevant later on. In 2018, Pecker was granted immunity in exchange for providing federal prosecutors with information about the payments. American Media, Inc. at the time admitted that it helped arrange payments to McDougal and later was sold amid the scandal of their involvement with the Trump campaign and federal investigations.

# Supreme Court appears to side with an Oregon city's crackdown on homelessness

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A group of volunteers check on homeless people living in a park in Grants Pass, Ore., on March 21.

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Over and over, conservative justices also said homelessness is a complex policy problem and questioned whether courts like theirs should "micromanage" it.

"Why would you think that these nine people are the best people to judge and weigh those policy judgments?" Chief Justice Roberts asked.

# How the Founding Fathers' concept of 'Minority Rule' is alive and well today

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**A riveting account of the decades-long effort by reactionary white conservatives to undermine democracy and entrench their power—and the movement to stop them.**

The mob that stormed the Capitol on January 6, 2021, represented an extreme form of the central danger facing American democracy today: a blatant disregard for the will of the majority. But this crisis didn't begin or end with Donald Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 election. Through voter suppression, election subversion, gerrymandering, dark money, the takeover of the courts, and the whitewashing of history, reactionary white conservatives have strategically entrenched power in the face of a massive demographic and political shift. Ari Berman charts these efforts with sweeping historical research and incisive on-the-ground reporting, chronicling how a wide range of antidemocratic tactics interact with profound structural inequalities in institutions like the Electoral College, the Senate, and the Supreme Court to threaten the survival of representative government in America. "The will of the people," wrote Thomas Jefferson in 1801, "is the only legitimate foundation of any government." But that foundation is crumbling. Some counter-majoritarian measures were deliberately built into the Constitution, which was designed in part to benefit a small propertied upper class, but they have metastasized to a degree that the Founding Fathers could never have anticipated, undermining the very notion of "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Chilling and revelatory, *Minority Rule* exposes the long history of the conflict between white supremacy and multiracial democracy that has reached a fever pitch today—while also telling the inspiring story of resistance to these regressive efforts.

It's a fundamental tension in a democracy: How do you have majority rule in a way that also protects minority rights? Journalist Ari Berman says the Founding Fathers struggled with that question back in 1787 — except, for them, white male landowners were the minority in need of protection. "Most of the founders were skeptical of the public's ability to elect the president directly," Berman says. "So they created this very complicated situation in which electors would elect the president instead of the people electing the president directly."

In his new book, *Minority Rule*, Berman connects the debates and compromises of the country's founders to contemporary politics. He says the founding fathers created a system that concentrated power in the hands of the elite and that today, institutions like the Electoral College and the Senate — designed as a check against the power of the majority — are having much the same effect. Berman notes that in the country's first presidential election, in 1789, only a small fraction of the population was eligible to vote — and in certain states, voters were only allowed to vote for electors, not the candidates themselves.

Though the right to vote has since been expanded, Berman says the democratic process remains deeply flawed. He points out that in 2000 and again in 2016, the presidential candidate who won the popular vote did not win the electoral vote. Additionally, he says, because the Constitution stipulates that each state gets two senators, regardless of its population, "smaller, whiter, more conservative states have far more power and representation in the Senate than larger, more diverse, more urban states." "What we see right now is the same kind of thing, in which a privileged, conservative, white minority is trying to suppress the power of a much more diverse multiracial governing majority," Berman says. "And that's a very dangerous situation for American democracy."

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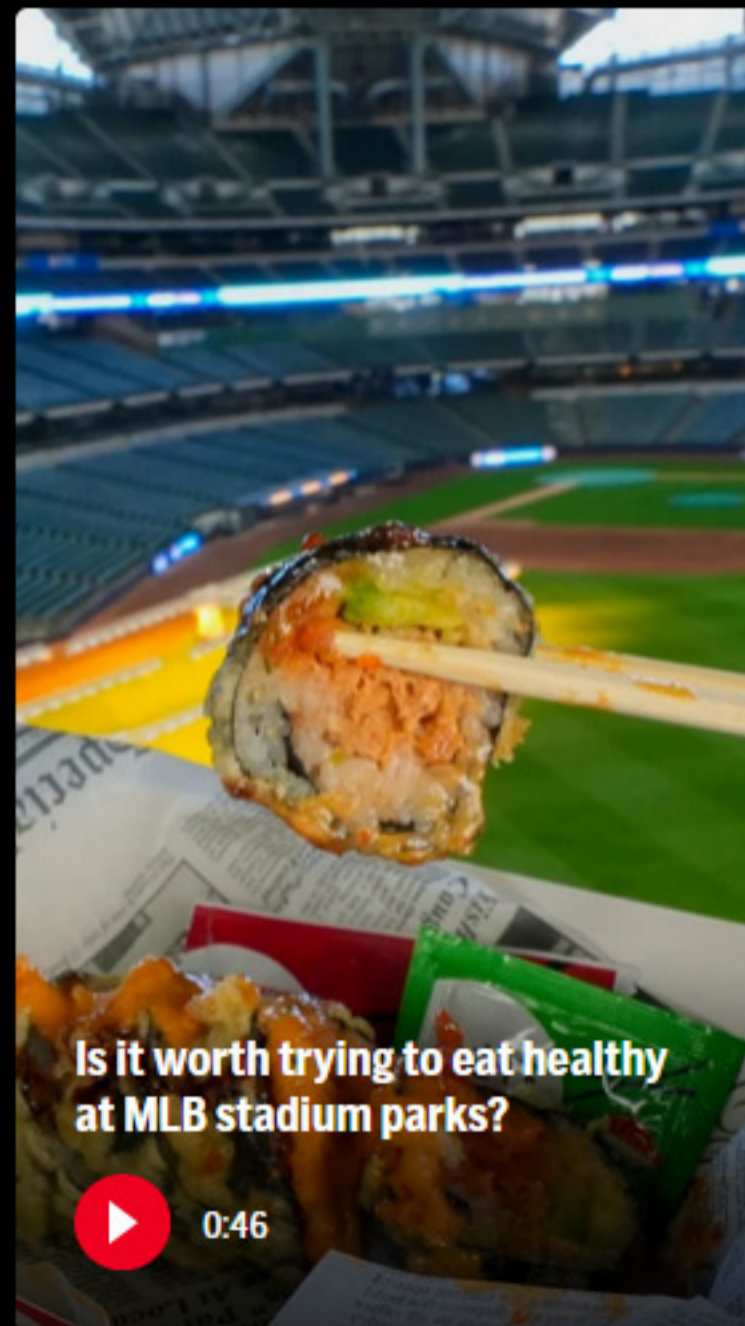
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CNN — The UK parliament has finally passed a contentious bill that will allow the government to send asylum seekers to Rwanda for their claims to be considered by the East African nation. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's efforts had been stuck between opposition in the Houses of Parliament and challenges in the British courts, as lawmakers and activists have sought to scupper the legislation on human rights grounds. Sunak celebrated his success on Tuesday morning, saying: "We introduced the Rwanda Bill to deter vulnerable migrants from making perilous crossings and break the business model of the criminal gangs who exploit them. The passing of this legislation will allow us to do that and make it very clear that if you come here illegally, you will not be able to stay." However, the bill's passage was condemned by activists and the United Nations. Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said in a statement: "Protecting refugees requires all countries – not just those neighbouring crisis zones – to uphold their obligations. "This arrangement seeks to shift responsibility for refugee protection, undermining international cooperation and setting a worrying global precedent." Amnesty International UK called the legislation "a stain on this country's moral reputation" that "takes a hatchet to international legal protections for some of the most vulnerable people in the world."



USA TODAY — In Rwanda, Victoire Ingabire Umuhiza, an opposition politician, said that Britain's asylum bill is not a good fit for poor countries like hers, where the government struggles to meet most peoples' basic needs. She said Rwanda already has an influx of refugees from neighboring countries such as Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo that it is not adequately caring for. She said migrants and asylum seekers sent to Rwanda under the British plan will eventually notice that Rwanda can't provide them with any of the opportunities they were after. They will leave, as was the case with immigrants sent to Rwanda from Israel," she said, referring to a program that ran from 2013-2018 and saw about 4,000 Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers relocated from Israel to Rwanda. Many were swiftly deported to neighboring Uganda.

Graffiti that reads "migrants go home" is seen on fencing next to a migrant camp on the banks of the River Seine in Paris, France, on March 25, 2024. Gonzalo Fuentes, REUTERS

## 'Stop the boats': What is Britain's Rwanda asylum plan?

# It's Official: Scientists Finally Confirmed What's Inside The Moon

SPACE 23 April 2024 By MICHELLE STARR



Earth's Moon. (Thomas Campbell/NASA)

Well, the verdict is in. The Moon is not made of green cheese after all.

A thorough investigation published in May 2023 found that the inner core of the Moon is, in fact, a solid ball with a density similar to that of iron. This, researchers hope, will help settle a long debate about whether the Moon's inner heart is solid or molten, and lead to a more accurate understanding of the Moon's history – and, by extension, that of the Solar System.

"Our results," wrote a team led by astronomer Arthur Briaud of the French National Centre for Scientific Research in France, "question the evolution of the Moon magnetic field thanks to its demonstration of the existence of the inner core and support a global mantle overturn scenario that brings substantial insights on the timeline of the lunar bombardment in the first billion years of the Solar System."

Probing the interior composition of objects in the Solar System is most effectively accomplished through seismic data. The way acoustic waves generated by quakes move through and reflect from material inside a planet or moon can help scientists create a detailed map of the object's interior.

We happen to have lunar seismic data collected by the Apollo mission, but its resolution is too low to accurately determine the inner core's state. We know there is a fluid outer core, but what it encompasses remains under debate. Models of a solid inner core and an entirely fluid core work equally well with the Apollo data.

To figure it out once and for all, Briaud and his colleagues collected data from space missions and lunar laser ranging experiments to compile a profile of various lunar characteristics. These include the degree of its deformation by its gravitational interaction with Earth, the variation in its distance from Earth, and its density. Next, they conducted modeling with various core types to find which matched most closely with the observational data.

They made several interesting findings. Firstly, the models that most closely resembled what we know about the Moon describe active overturn deep inside the lunar mantle. This means that denser material inside the Moon falls towards the center, and less dense material rises upwards. This activity has long been proposed as a way of explaining the presence of certain elements in volcanic regions of the Moon. The team's research adds another point in the "for" tally of evidence.

And they found that the lunar core is very similar to that of Earth – with an outer fluid layer and a solid inner core. According to their modeling, the outer core has a radius of about 362 kilometers (225 miles), and the inner core has a radius of about 258 kilometers (160 miles). That's about 15 percent of the entire radius of the Moon.

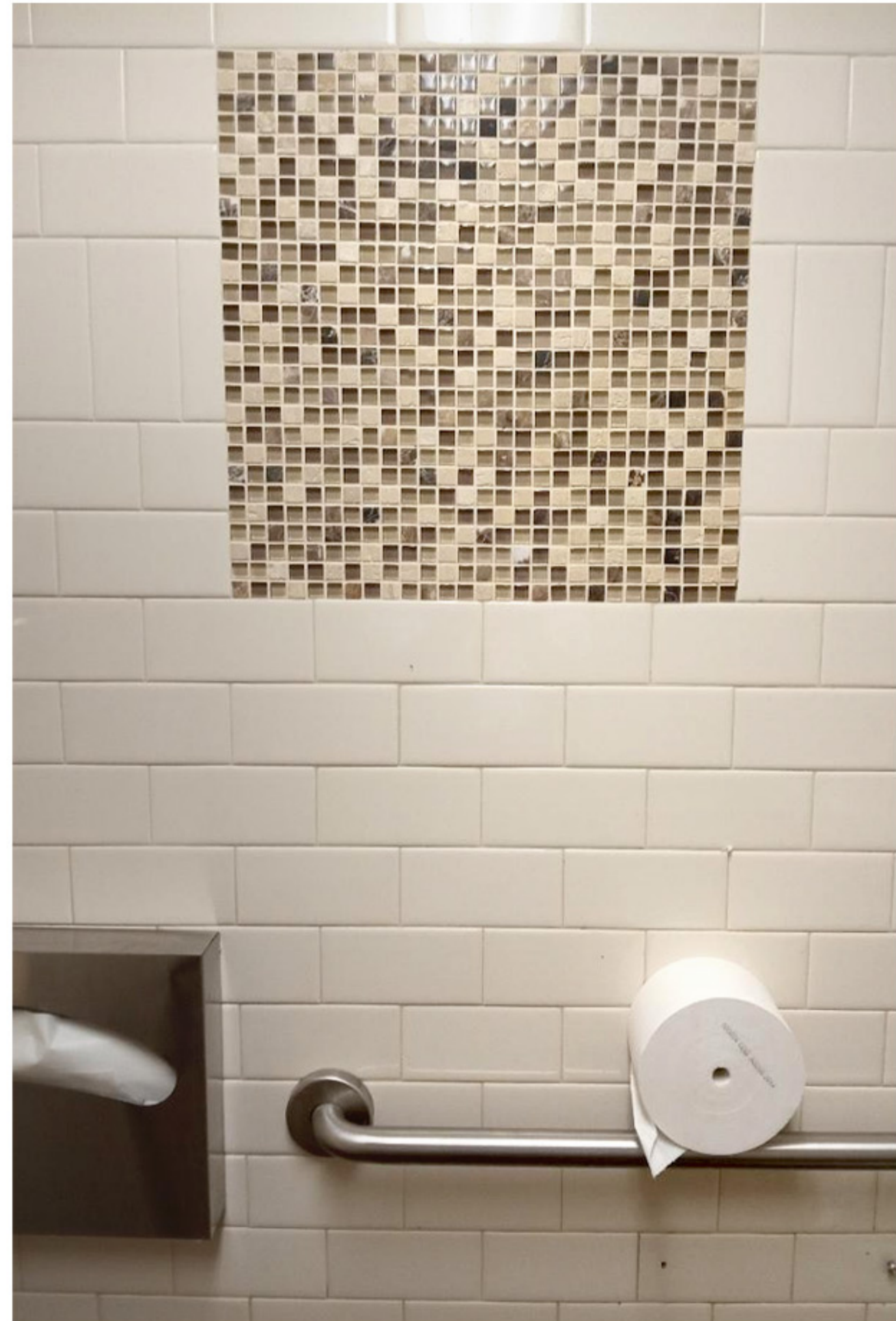
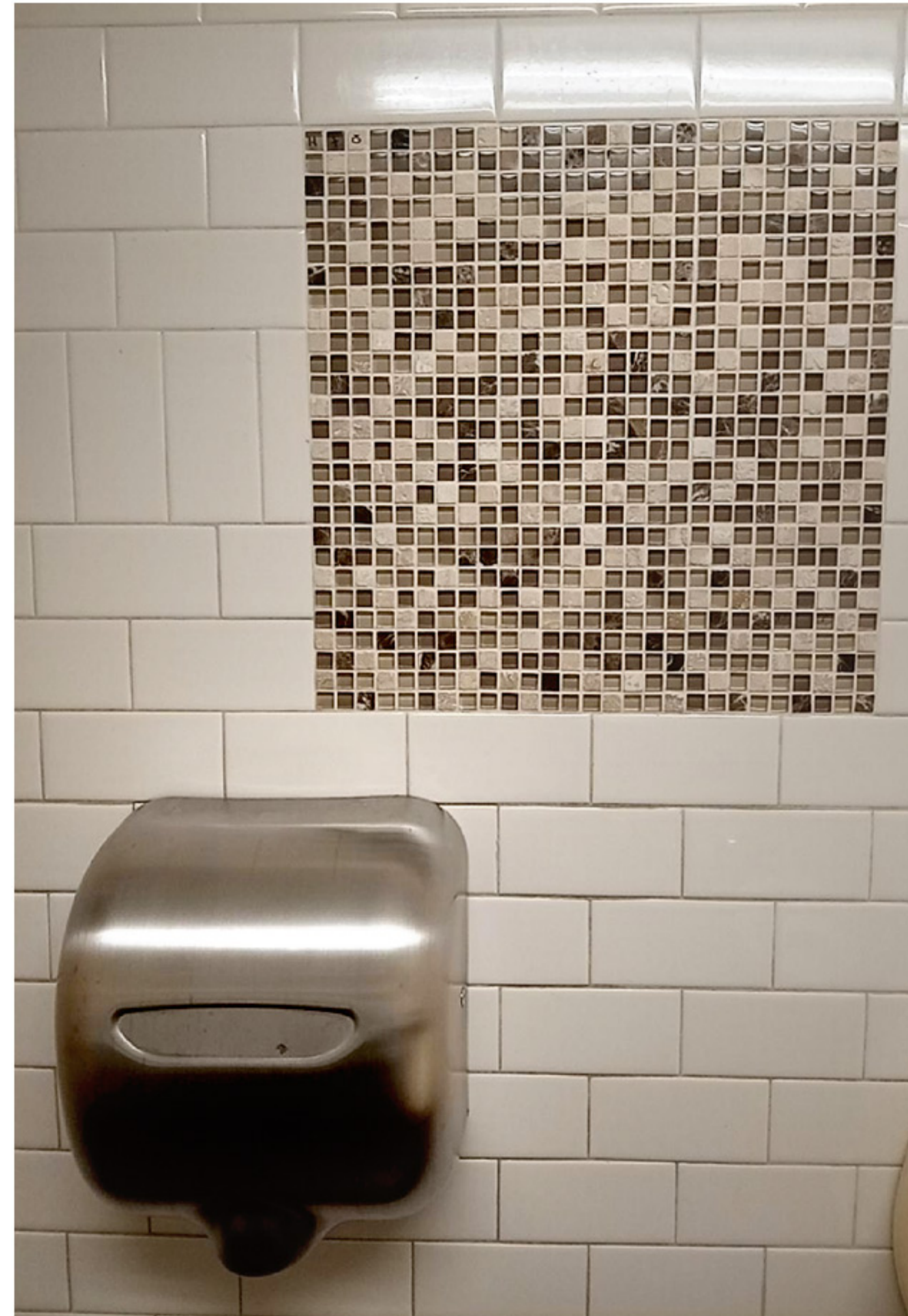
**The inner core, the team found, also has a density of about 7,822 kilograms per cubic meter. That's very close to the density of iron.**

Curiously, in 2011 a team led by NASA Marshall planetary scientist Renee Weber found a similar result using what were then state-of-the-art seismological techniques on Apollo data to study the lunar core. They found evidence of a solid inner core with a radius of about 240 kilometers, and a density about 8,000 kilograms per cubic meter.

Their results, Briaud and his team say, is confirmation of those earlier findings, and constitute a pretty strong case for an Earth-like lunar core. And this has some interesting implications for the Moon's evolution.

We know not long after it formed, the Moon had a powerful magnetic field, which started to decline about 3.2 billion years ago. Such a magnetic field is generated by motion and convection in the core, so what the lunar core is made of is deeply relevant to how and why the magnetic field disappeared.

Given humanity's hope to return to the Moon in relatively short order, perhaps we won't have long to wait for seismic verification of these findings.



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# Daniel Dennett: 'Why civilisation is more fragile than we realised'

By Tom Chatfield, Features correspondent



Daniel Dennett tackled some of the most vexing questions about the experience of being human (Credit: Getty Images)

**Before his recent death, the influential philosopher Daniel Dennett spoke to the BBC about his lifelong quest to understand human experience – and why he saw new dangers from AI.**

The philosopher Daniel Dennett, who died at the age of 82 on 19 April, was among the sharpest and most prophetic minds of the last half-century. Throughout his life, he dared to tackle some of the biggest questions about the human mind and consciousness. His career saw him publish over a dozen books, make major contributions to fields ranging from cognitive science and philosophy of mind to evolutionary theory, and become an ardent advocate for rationality and scepticism.



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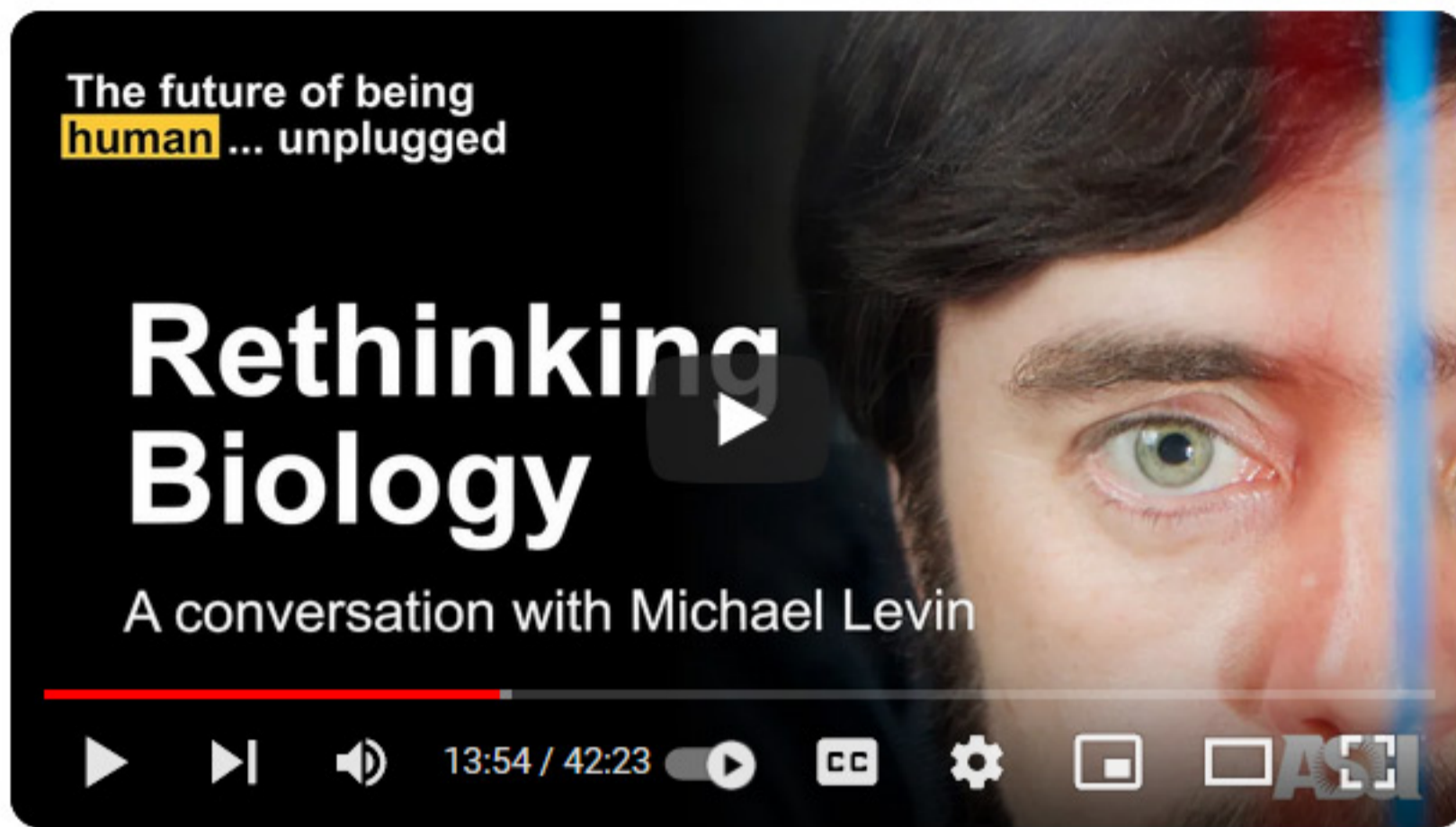
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13:31 > **I'm going to move away from humans, but into the the brain** of an organism, you can also transfer those memories either between generations of organisms or Beyond there I how. Am I going outside the the bounds of reality here? No, no, I don't think you are I mean it's it's been done people there there are lots of papers on moving uh memories from from one body to another so so some of the best modern work is David lansman um at UCLA who um injects RNA ground up from trained Appia into the brains of of of naive hosts and the and the information transfers there's a long history of of that work in plaria and and you know this was discovered in the 60s but we actually confirmed it ourselves in 2013 um if you train the worm chop off their heads and wait for the tail to regenerate a brand new head with a brand new brain they still show recall of the information which means that Not only was it partially stored in the tail but also somehow imprinted onto the new brain as the new brain develops so this idea of Behavioral memories uh moving through tissue moving across tissues being transferred in molecular uh you know molecular media um I yeah I think that's I think all of that exist and and if you could talk a little bit more about the caterpillar butterfly example because I that work of yours just blew my mind in terms of the the progression from the catabella to the butterfly with retained memories so so I want to be really clear that isn't my work so we weren't that so so there was there was old work that that did it in um uh various kind of larv and beetles and things like that and then uh the classic caterpillar butterfly stuff uh was done by um Douglas Blackiston who's a staff scientist in my lab that's kind of a coincidence I hired him um you know a long time ago uh and uh you know I didn't realize at first that he had done that amazing work but but anyway uh the the the the results basically go like this um you train a caterpillar to eat food which for the caterpillar is leaves on a particular color disc the caterpillar uh under goes metamorphosis because what it needs to do is shift from a softbed kind of creature which requires a particular controller because you know in the soft body there's nothing you can push on right so so then it becomes a butterfly that has to uh that has to um live in a three-dimensional world now and um and so because of that the brain is largely dissolved a lot many of the connections are broken most of the uh most of the cells are killed off there's some there's some debate now as to you know whether everything is killed off or whether some things remain but the interesting thing is not just the Persistence of the memory the interesting to me the more interesting thing is this if you learn as a caterpillar to crawl in a particular way to receive um uh leave which is your food that memory is completely

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# Michael Levin

American biologist

**Michael Levin** was born in Moscow, USSR, in 1969, in a Jewish family. His parents faced antisemitism in the Soviet Union, and in 1978 took advantage of a visa program for Soviet Jews and moved the family to Lynn, Massachusetts. Levin's father was a computer programmer and worked for the Soviet weather service; his mother was a concert pianist. Levin's family immigration was sponsored by Temple Sinai in Marblehead, Massachusetts. His family is still members of Temple Sinai. Levin stated that "... I've always lived within about a mile radius of where we landed in '78."



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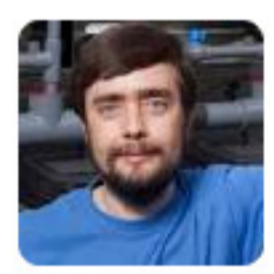
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## Technological Approach to Mind Everywhere: An Experimentally- Grounded Framework for Understanding Diverse Bodies and Minds

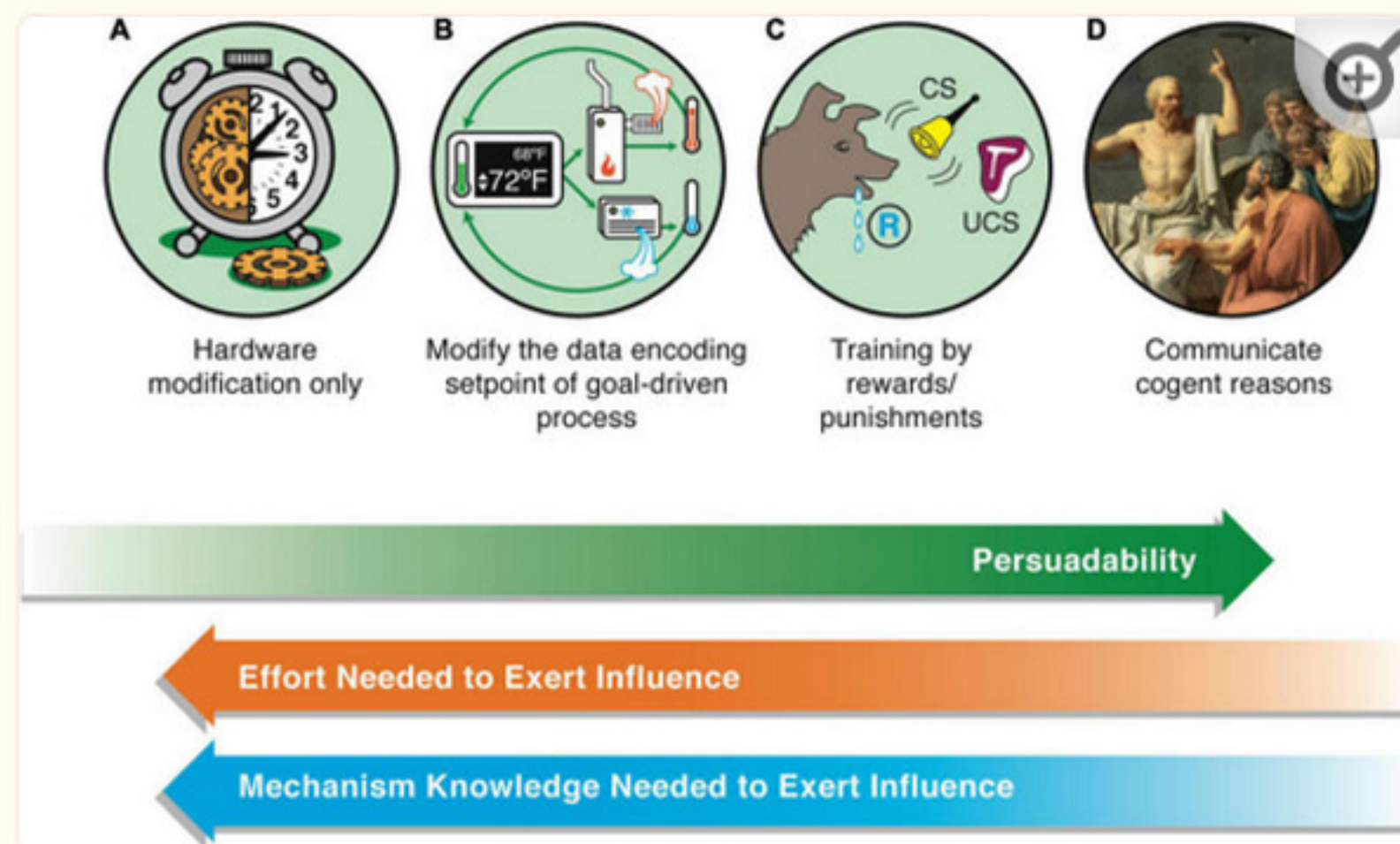
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### ABSTRACT:

Synthetic biology and bioengineering provide the opportunity to create novel embodied cognitive systems (otherwise known as minds) in a very wide variety of chimeric architectures combining evolved and designed material and software. These advances are disrupting familiar concepts in the philosophy of mind, and require new ways of thinking about and comparing truly diverse intelligences, whose composition and origin are not like any of the available natural model species. In this Perspective, I introduce TAME—Technological Approach to Mind Everywhere—a framework for understanding and manipulating cognition in unconventional substrates. TAME formalizes a non-binary (continuous), empirically-based approach to strongly embodied agency. TAME provides a natural way to think about animal sentience as an instance of collective intelligence of cell groups, arising from dynamics that manifest in similar ways in numerous other substrates. When applied to regenerating/developmental systems, TAME suggests a perspective on morphogenesis as an example of basal cognition. The deep symmetry between problem-solving in anatomical, physiological, transcriptional, and 3D (traditional behavioral) spaces drives specific hypotheses by which cognitive capacities can increase during evolution. An important medium exploited by evolution for joining active subunits into greater agents is developmental bioelectricity, implemented by pre-neural use of ion channels and gap junctions to scale up cell-level feedback loops into anatomical homeostasis. This architecture of multi-scale competency of biological systems has important implications for plasticity of bodies and minds, greatly potentiating evolvability. Considering classical and recent data from the perspectives of computational science, evolutionary biology, and basal cognition, reveals a rich research program with many implications for cognitive science, evolutionary biology, regenerative medicine, and artificial intelligence.

### CONCLUSION: A More Inclusive Framework for Cognition

Regenerating, physiological, and behaving systems use effort (energy) to achieve defined, adaptive outcomes despite novel circumstances and unpredictable perturbations. That is a key invariant for cognition; differences in substrate, scale, or origin story among living systems are not fundamental, and obscure an important way to unify key properties of life: the ability to deploy intelligence for problem-solving in diverse domains. Modern theories of Mind must eventually handle the entire option space for intelligent agents, which not only contains the familiar advanced animals we see on Earth, but can also subsume ones consisting of radically different materials, ones created by synthetic bioengineering or combinations of



evolution and rational design in the lab, and ones of exobiological as well as possible terrestrial origins. The advances of engineering confirm and put into practice an idea that was already entailed by evolution: that cognitive traits, like all other traits, evolved from humbler variants, forming a continuum. There are no biologically-valid binary categories in this space. Take the prevalent legal definition of human “adults,” who snap into being at the age of 18; such binary views on cognitive properties are fictitious coarse-grainings useful for our legal system to operate, but no more than that. There is no bright line between “truly cognitive” and “pseudo cognitive” that can ever be drawn between two successive members of an evolutionary lineage. The error of “committing Anthropomorphism” is a pseudo-scientific “folk” notion useful for only the most trivial examples of failure to scale down complex claims proportionally to simpler systems; engineering requires us to determine what level of cognitive model enables the most fruitful prediction and control.

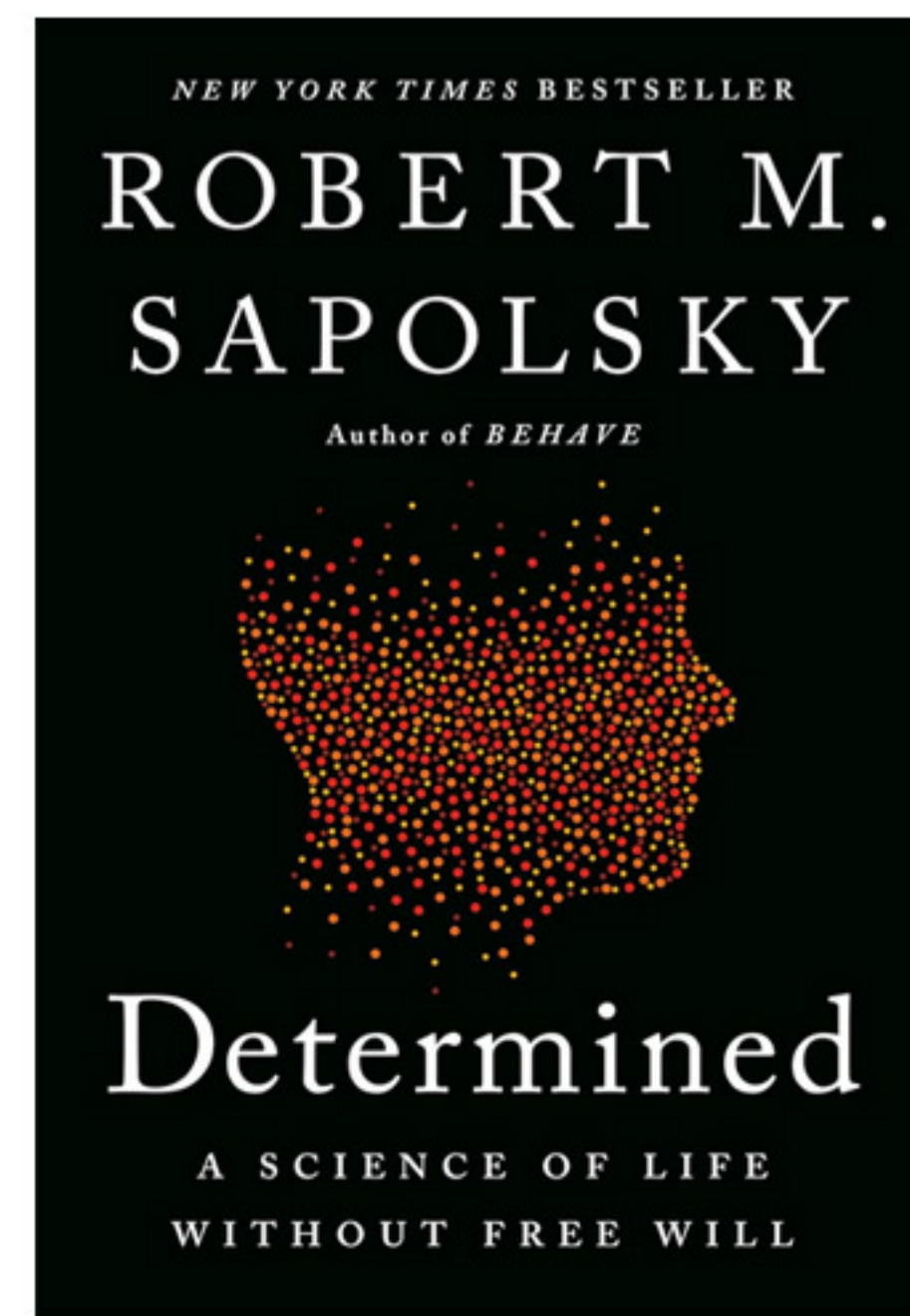
Every intelligence is a collective intelligence, and the modular, multi-scale architecture of life means that we are a holobiont in more than just the sense of having a microbiome (Chiu and Gilbert, 2015)—we are all patchworks of overlapping, nested, competing, and cooperating agents that have homeostatic (goal-directed) activity within their self-constructed virtual space at a scale that determines their cognitive sophistication. A highly tractable model system for unconventional cognition, in which these processes and the scaling of Selves can not only be seen but can also be manipulated, is morphogenetic homeostasis. The process of construction and remodeling (toward anatomical features) of cellular collectives shows crucial isomorphism to cognitive aspects of the many-into-one binding like credit assignment, learning, stress reduction, etc. The partial wiping of ownership information on permanent signals makes gap junctional coupling an excellent minimal



Robert Sapolsky's *Behave*, his now classic account of why humans do good and why they do bad, pointed toward an unsettling conclusion: We may not grasp the precise marriage of nature and nurture that creates the physics and chemistry at the base of human behavior, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Now, in *Determined*, Sapolsky takes his argument all the way, mounting a brilliant (and in his inimitable way, delightful) full-frontal assault on the pleasant fantasy that there is some separate self telling our biology what to do.

*Determined* offers a marvelous synthesis of what we know about how consciousness works—the tight weave between reason and emotion and between stimulus and response in the moment and over a life. One by one, Sapolsky tackles all the major arguments for free will and takes them out, cutting a path through the thickets of chaos and complexity science and quantum physics, as well as touching ground on some of the wilder shores of philosophy. He shows us that the history of medicine is in no small part the history of learning that fewer and fewer things are somebody's "fault"; for example, for centuries we thought seizures were a sign of demonic possession.

Yet, as he acknowledges, it's very hard, and at times impossible, to uncouple from our zeal to judge others and to judge ourselves. Sapolsky applies the new understanding of life beyond free will to some of our most essential questions around punishment, morality, and living well together. By the end, Sapolsky argues that while living our daily lives recognizing that we have no free will is going to be monumentally difficult, doing so is not going to result in anarchy, pointlessness, and existential malaise. Instead, it will make for a much more humane world.



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## Colleges nationwide turn to police to quell pro-Palestine protests as commencement ceremonies near

BY JIM VERTUNO, ACACIA CORONADO AND NICK PERRY

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University of Texas police officers arrest a man at a pro-Palestinian protest on campus, Wednesday April 24, 2024, in Austin, Texas. (Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With graduations looming, student protesters doubled down early Thursday on their discontent of the Israel-Hamas war on campuses across the country as universities, including ones in California and Texas, have become quick to call in the police to end the demonstrations and make arrests. While grappling with growing protests from coast to coast, schools have the added pressure of May commencement ceremonies. At Columbia University in New York, students defiantly erected an encampment where many are set to graduate in front of families in just a few weeks. Columbia continued to negotiate with students after several failed attempts — and over 100 arrests — to clear the encampment, but several universities ousted demonstrators Wednesday, swiftly turning to law enforcement when protests bubbled up on their campuses. Police peacefully arrested student protesters at the University of Southern California, hours after officers at the University of Texas at Austin aggressively detained dozens in the latest clashes between law enforcement and those protesting the Israel-Hamas war on campuses nationwide.

Tensions were already high at USC after the university canceled a planned commencement speech by the school's valedictorian, who publicly supports Palestine, citing safety concerns. After scuffles with police early Wednesday, a few dozen demonstrators standing in a circle with locked arms were detained one by one without incident later in the evening. Officers encircled the dwindling group sitting in defiance of an earlier warning to disperse or be arrested. Beyond the police line, hundreds of onlookers watched as helicopters buzzed overhead. The school closed the campus. Hours earlier in Texas, hundreds of local and state police — including some on horseback and holding batons — bulldozed into protesters, at one point sending some tumbling into the street. Officers pushed their way into the crowd and made 34 arrests at the behest of the university and Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott, according to the state Department of Public Safety. A photographer covering the demonstration for Fox 7 Austin was in the push-and-pull when an officer yanked him backward to the ground, video shows. The station confirmed that the photographer was arrested. A longtime Texas journalist was knocked down in the mayhem and could be seen bleeding before police helped him to emergency medical staff.

Dane Urquhart, a third-year Texas student, called the police presence and arrests an “overreaction,” adding that the protest “would have stayed peaceful” if the officers had not turned out in force. “Because of all the arrests, I think a lot more (demonstrations) are going to happen,” Urquhart said. Police left after hours of efforts to control the crowd, and about 300 demonstrators moved back in to sit on the grass and chant under the school's iconic clock tower. In a statement Wednesday night, the university's president, Jay Hartzell, said: “Our rules matter, and they will be enforced. Our University will not be occupied.”

North of USC, students at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, were barricaded inside a building for a third day, and the school shut down campus through the weekend and made classes virtual. Harvard University in Massachusetts had sought to stay ahead of protests this week by limiting access to Harvard Yard and requiring permission for tents and tables. That didn't stop protesters from setting up a camp with 14 tents Wednesday following a rally against the university's suspension of the Harvard Undergraduate Palestine Solidarity Committee. Students protesting the Israel-Hamas war are demanding schools cut financial ties to Israel and divest from companies enabling its monthslong conflict. Some Jewish students say the protests have veered into antisemitism and made them afraid to set foot on campus as graduation nears, partly prompting a heavier hand from universities. At New York University this week, police said 133 protesters were taken into custody, while over 40 protesters were arrested Monday at an encampment at Yale University.

Columbia University averted another confrontation between students and police earlier Wednesday. University President Minouche Shafik had set on Tuesday a midnight deadline to reach an agreement on clearing an encampment, but the school extended negotiations for another 48 hours. On a visit to campus Wednesday, U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, called on Shafik to resign “if she cannot bring order to this chaos.” “If this is not contained quickly and if these threats and intimidation are not stopped, there is an appropriate time for the National Guard,” he said.

On Wednesday evening, a Columbia spokesperson said rumors that the university had threatened to bring in the National Guard were unfounded. “Our focus is to restore order, and if we can get there through dialogue, we will,” said Ben Chang, Columbia's vice president for communications. Columbia graduate student Omer Lubaton Granot, who put up pictures of Israeli hostages near the encampment, said he wanted to remind people that there were more than 100 hostages still being held by Hamas. “I see all the people behind me advocating for human rights,” he said. “I don't think they have one word to say about the fact that people their age, that were kidnapped from their homes or from a music festival in Israel, are held by a terror organization.”

Harvard law student Tala Alfoqaha, who is Palestinian, said she and other protesters want more transparency from the university. “My hope is that the Harvard administration listens to what its students have been asking for all year, which is divestment, disclosure and dropping any sort of charges against students,” she said. On Wednesday about 60 tents remained at the Columbia encampment, which appeared calm. Security remained tight around campus, with identification required and police setting up metal barricades. Columbia said it had agreed with protest representatives that only students would remain at the encampment and they would make it welcoming, banning discriminatory or harassing language.



### In Vietnam, farmers reduce methane emissions by changing how they grow rice

Once crops are harvested, Van no longer burns the rice stubble — a major cause of air pollution in Vietnam and in its neighbors, as well as Thailand and India. Instead, it's collected by the Loc Troi Group for sale to other companies that use it as livestock feed and for growing straw mushrooms, a popular addition to stir-fries. Van benefits in various ways. His costs are down while his farm yield is the same. Using organic fertilizer enables him to sell to European markets where customers are willing to pay a premium for organic rice. Best of all, he has time to tend to his own garden. "I am growing jackfruit and coconut," he said.

*A worker carries a bag of rice at a warehouse in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024. AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)*

Yerba mate foreman Antonio Francisco Pereyra drives with his four-year-old son Facundo under his arm, to deliver weekly payments to his crew in Andresito, in Argentina's Misiones province, Friday, April 19, 2024. For decades Argentina's government has supported the yerba mate industry with price controls and subsidies, but to fix Argentina's financial crisis, President Javier Milei seeks to scrap regulations affecting a range of markets, including yerba maté. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)



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# We need an exodus from Zionism

## Naomi Klein



This Passover, we don't need or want the false idol of Zionism. We want freedom from the project that commits genocide in our name

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I've been thinking about Moses, and his rage when he came down from the mount to find the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. The ecofeminist in me was always uneasy about this story: what kind of God is jealous of animals? What kind of God wants to hoard all the sacredness of the Earth for himself? But there is a less literal way of understanding this story. It is about false idols. About the human tendency to worship the profane and shiny, to look to the small and material rather than the large and transcendent. What I want to say to you tonight at this revolutionary and historic Seder in the Streets is that too many of our people are worshipping a false idol once again. They are enraptured by it. Drunk on it. Profaned by it. That false idol is called Zionism.

Zionism is a false idol that has taken the idea of the promised land and turned it into a deed of sale for a militaristic ethnostate

It is a false idol that takes our most profound biblical stories of justice and emancipation from slavery – the story of Passover itself – and turns them into brutalist weapons of colonial land theft, roadmaps for ethnic cleansing and genocide. It is a false idol that has taken the transcendent idea of the promised land – a metaphor for human liberation that has traveled across multiple faiths to every corner of this globe – and dared to turn it into a deed of sale for a militaristic ethnostate. Political Zionism's version of liberation is itself profane. From the start, it required the mass expulsion of Palestinians from their homes and ancestral lands in the Nakba.

From the start it has been at war with dreams of liberation. At a Seder it is worth remembering that this includes the dreams of liberation and self-determination of the Egyptian people. This false idol of Zionism equates Israeli safety with Egyptian dictatorship and client states. From the start it has produced an ugly kind of freedom that saw Palestinian children not as human beings but as demographic threats – much as the pharaoh in the Book of Exodus feared the growing population of Israelites, and thus ordered the death of their sons. Zionism has brought us to our present moment of cataclysm and it is time that we said clearly: it has always been leading us here. It is a false idol that has led far too many of our own people down a deeply immoral path that now has them justifying the shredding of core commandments: thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not covet. It is a false idol that equates Jewish freedom with cluster bombs that kill and maim Palestinian children. Zionism is a false idol that has betrayed every Jewish value, including the value we place on questioning – a practice embedded in the Seder with its four questions asked by the youngest child. Including the love we have as a people for text and for education. Today, this false idol justifies the bombing of every university in Gaza; the destruction of countless schools, of archives, of printing presses; the killing of hundreds of academics, of journalists, of poets – this is what Palestinians call scholasticide, the killing of the means of education. Meanwhile, in this city, the universities call in the NYPD and barricade themselves against the grave threat posed by their own students daring to ask them basic questions, such as: how can you claim to believe in anything at all, least of all us, while you enable, invest in and collaborate with this genocide? The false idol of Zionism has been allowed to grow unchecked for far too long. So tonight we say: it ends here.

Our Judaism cannot be contained by an ethnostate, for our Judaism is internationalist by nature. Our Judaism cannot be protected by the rampaging military of that state, for all that military does is sow sorrow and reap hatred – including against us as Jews. Our Judaism is not threatened by people raising their voices in solidarity with Palestine across lines of race, ethnicity, physical ability, gender identity and generations. Our Judaism is one of those voices and knows that in that chorus lies both our safety and our collective liberation. Our Judaism is the Judaism of the Passover Seder: the gathering in ceremony to share food and wine with loved ones and strangers alike, the ritual that is inherently portable, light enough to carry on our backs, in need of nothing but each other: no walls, no temple, no rabbi, a role for everyone, even – especially – the smallest child. The Seder is a diaspora technology if ever there was one, made for collective grieving, contemplation, questioning, remembering and reviving the revolutionary spirit. So look around. This, here, is our Judaism. As waters rise and forests burn and nothing is certain, we pray at the altar of solidarity and mutual aid, no matter the cost.

We don't need or want the false idol of Zionism. We want freedom from the project that commits genocide in our name. Freedom from an ideology that has no plan for peace other than deals with murderous theocratic petrostates next door, while selling the technologies of robo-assassinations to the world. We seek to liberate Judaism from an ethnostate that wants Jews to be perennially afraid, that wants our children to be afraid, that wants us to believe the world is against us so that we go running to its fortress and beneath its iron dome, or at least keep the weapons and donations flowing. That is the false idol. And it's not just Netanyahu, it's the world he made and that made him – it's Zionism. What are we? We, in these streets for months and months, are the exodus. The exodus from Zionism. And to the Chuck Schumers of this world, we do not say: "Let our people go." We say: "We have already gone. And your kids? They're with us now."



## Stephanie Kelton - "Finding the Money" & "The Deficit Myth" | The Daily Show



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Stephanie Kelton, bestselling author of "The Deficit Myth" and professor of economics and public policy, talks to Jordan Klepper and Ronny Chieng about changing our understanding of government spending through MMT, or Modern Money Theory. She also explains how the national deficit is not a number to be fearful of, but can be put to good use, and how government finance is far more flexible than you might think. #DailyShow #StephanieKelton #Money

**Modern monetary theory** or modern money theory (MMT) is a heterodox[1] macroeconomic theory that describes currency as a public monopoly and unemployment as evidence that a currency monopolist is overly restricting the supply of the financial assets needed to pay taxes and satisfy savings desires.[2][3] According to MMT, governments do not need to worry about accumulating debt since they can create new money by using fiscal policy in order to pay interest. MMT argues that the primary risk once the economy reaches full employment is inflation, which acts as the only constraint on spending. MMT also argues that inflation can be addressed by increasing taxes on everyone to reduce the spending capacity of the private sector.[4][5]

MMT is controversial, and is actively debated with dialogues about its theoretical integrity,[5] the implications of the policy recommendations of its proponents, and the extent to which it is actually divergent from orthodox macroeconomics.[6] MMT is opposed to the mainstream understanding of macroeconomic theory and has been criticized heavily by many mainstream economists.[7][8][9][10] MMT is also strongly opposed by members of the Austrian school of Economics, with Murray Rothbard stating that MMT practices are equivalent to "counterfeiting" and that government control of the money supply will inevitably lead to "runaway inflation." [11]

Historically the concept of MMT as compared to the business economic theory is the nature of how investments work in government vs the private sector. In the private sector an investment, a negative on the books, is balanced by the profits resulting from the investment. Government also makes investments, a negative on the books, and the "profit" comes from the social or business improvements in community which might result in taxes or society benefits which is difficult to quantify in monetary terms, but not impossible. Good historical examples are the investments made by the "New Deal" under the F. Roosevelt administration. For example, the Government built Timberline Lodge in Oregon. This facility built in the 1930s has generated revenue to Oregon's economy for generations. It's a major tourist attraction. No one knows how much additional tax revenue has been generated by the building of this facility. Unlike private sector investments the profit from taxpayer investment don't track directly back to the investment but to the general growth of the economy. Regulations also track to social goods, like saving lives, which also reduces costs to private sector businesses which may or may not generate additional tax revenue but which certainly create security in society. MMT teaches us that government investment in one area isn't balanced by cutting investment in another area. MMT theory told from history teaches us more about the short comings of applying private sector business theory to government spending is a mistake. It also argues that running a government like a business isn't good because the accounting system for the benefit side of investments aren't quantified. Not because they aren't quantifiable but because quantifying social benefits is challenging.

## Ocasio-Cortez slams fellow Democrat's criticism of Sanders over Israel-Hamas war

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*Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., speaks before President Joe Biden at Prince William Forest Park on Earth Day, Monday, April 22, 2024, in Triangle, Va. Biden is announcing \$7 billion in federal grants to provide residential solar projects serving low- and middle-income communities and expanding his American Climate Corps green jobs training program. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)*

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) on Wednesday took a swipe at Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-Fla.) for questioning Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-Vt.) stance on antisemitism, calling the Florida Democrat's remarks "shameful."

"Sen. Sanders' family was killed in the Holocaust. He dedicates his every moment to realizing tikkun olam. His commitment to protecting innocents in Gaza stems FROM his Jewish values," Ocasio-Cortez wrote Wednesday in a post on the social platform X. "He and many other Jewish leaders deserve better than to be treated this way. This is shameful."

Ocasio-Cortez was responding to Moskowitz's comments about Sanders, who released a statement Tuesday on his efforts to halt U.S. military aid to Israel's wartime campaign.

**"I am very disappointed, but not surprised, that my amendment to end offensive military aid to Netanyahu's war machine – which has killed and wounded over 100,000 Palestinians, two thirds of whom are women and children – will not be considered," Sanders wrote.**

Sanders, the son of Jewish immigrants who emigrated from Poland in the 1920s to escape rising antisemitism, attempted to add an amendment to a massive foreign aid package taken up by the Senate on Tuesday that included \$26 billion for Israel and global humanitarian aid, including for Gaza.

The bill passed in the upper chamber in a 79-18 vote Tuesday and was signed by President Biden on Wednesday. Sanders, along with Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.), voted against the bill.

Moskowitz, who is also Jewish, reposted Sanders's statement and wrote, "Bernie, now do AntiSemitism. Why so quiet?"

Moskowitz clapped back at Ocasio-Cortez's criticism, pointing to his family's deaths in the Holocaust.

"My family was also killed in the Holocaust. In Germany and in Poland. My grandmother was in the kinder-transport," he said. "They also instilled values in me. It's why I voted for aid to Israel and for aid to Gaza. We see each other at work, we are both better than doing this here."

Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats, has been one of the most vocal critics of continued U.S. aid to Israel and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, given the climbing civilian death toll in Gaza.

More than 34,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since Hamas's Oct. 7 attacks that triggered the Israel-Hamas war, according to the Health Ministry in Gaza.

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And believe that everything  
happens for a reason.  
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Nobody said that it would be easy,  
they just promised that it  
would be worth it.

# Revolt in the Universities

University students across the country, facing mass arrests, suspensions, evictions and expulsions are our last, best hope to halt the genocide in Gaza.



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## Where Have All the Flowers Gone - by Mr. Fish

PRINCETON, N.J. — Achintha Sivalingam, a graduate student in Public Affairs at Princeton University did not know when she woke up this morning that shortly after 7 a.m. she would join hundreds of students across the country who have been arrested, evicted and banned from campus for protesting the genocide in Gaza. She wears a blue sweatshirt, sometimes fighting back tears, when I speak to her. We are seated at a small table in the Small World Coffee shop on Witherspoon Street, half a block away from the university she can no longer enter, from the apartment she can no longer live in and from the campus where in a few weeks she was scheduled to graduate. She wonders where she will spend the night. The police gave her five minutes to collect items from her apartment. “I grabbed really random things,” she says. “I grabbed oatmeal for whatever reason. I was really confused.”

Student protesters across the country exhibit a moral and physical courage — many are facing suspension and expulsion — that shames every major institution in the country. They are dangerous not because they disrupt campus life or engage in attacks on Jewish students — many of those protesting are Jewish — but because they expose the abject failure by the ruling elites and their institutions to halt genocide, the crime of crimes. These students watch, like most of us, Israel’s live-streamed slaughter of the Palestinian people. But unlike most of us, they act. Their voices and protests are a potent counterpoint to the moral bankruptcy that surrounds them. Not one university president has denounced Israel’s destruction of every university in Gaza. Not one university president has called for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire. Not one university president has used the words “apartheid” or “genocide.” Not one university president has called for sanctions and divestment from Israel.

The students said they would continue their protest until Princeton divests from firms that “profit from or engage in the State of Israel’s ongoing military campaign” in Gaza, ends university research “on weapons of war” funded by the Department of Defense, enacts an academic and cultural boycott of Israeli institutions, supports Palestinian academic and cultural institutions and advocates for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire.

Sivalingam ran into one of her professors and pleaded with him for faculty support for the protest. He informed her he was coming up for tenure and could not participate. The course he teaches is called “Ecological Marxism.” “It was a bizarre moment,” she says. “I spent last semester thinking about ideas and evolution and civil change, like social change. It was a crazy moment.”

She starts to cry.

There are many shameful periods in American history. The genocide we carried out against indigenous peoples. Slavery. The violent suppression of the labor movement that saw hundreds of workers killed. Lynching. Jim and Jane Crow. Vietnam. Iraq. Afghanistan. Libya. The genocide in Gaza, which we fund and support, is of such monstrous proportions that it will achieve a prominent place in this pantheon of crimes. History will not be kind to most of us. But it will bless and revere these students.



# More than 500 people have been arrested at pro-Palestinian protests at colleges

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By Ayana Archie



Georgia State Patrol officers detain a demonstrator on the campus of Emory University during a pro-Palestinian demonstration on Thursday, April 25, 2024, in Atlanta.

Mike Stewart/AP

More than 500 people have been arrested as pro-Palestinian protests roll on at colleges and universities across the country. Protesters are demanding an end to the conflict between Israel and Hamas and, in some cases, for their schools to cut business ties with Israel.

At Columbia University, more than 100 people were arrested last week after police attempted to clear out an encampment. The school is still in negotiations with student protesters to remove the tents after giving them multiple deadlines that were not met. It denied rumors that the New York Police Department was expected on campus Thursday.

## NATIONAL

Unpacking the truth of antisemitism on college campuses

Palestinian protester at Columbia says it's 'inspiring' to feel like students have agency

At The University of Southern California, 93 people were arrested Wednesday for trespassing, a misdemeanor offense. One arrest was made for assault with a deadly weapon, though the department did not say what the weapon was. No injuries were reported, the Los Angeles Police Department said. Palestinian protester at Columbia says it's 'inspiring' to feel like students have agency

As a result of the protests, USC canceled its already controversial commencement ceremony Thursday. It previously canceled its valedictorian's speech because of safety concerns stemming from backlash she received over her social media posts about the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

At The University of Texas at Austin, almost 60 people were arrested Wednesday for loitering, but charges have been dropped for most of them. Still, the following day, faculty members gathered at a rally and called for the school's president, Jay Hartzell, to resign, after he praised the school and law enforcement for exercising restraint against the protestors, according to NPR member station KUT.

More than 100 people were arrested at Emerson College in Boston, after police tore down an encampment there. The school subsequently added Boylston Place Alley, where the encampment was located, to its list of places on campus where demonstrations are not allowed.

On Thursday, almost 100 people were taken into custody at Princeton University, while dozens were arrested at Emory University in Atlanta, where people were also protesting a police training facility nicknamed "Cop City." Arrests were also reported at The Ohio State University and the University of Minnesota, among others.



Georgia State Patrol officers detain a demonstrator on the campus of Emory University during a pro-Palestinian demonstration on Thursday, April 25, 2024, in Atlanta.

## Animals get stressed during eclipses. But not for the reason you think

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Kathryn Fink



A coyote at the Fort Worth Zoo is photographed in the hours leading up to the April 8 total solar eclipse.

Biologist Adam Hartstone-Rose says his team observed "quite dramatic behavior" during totality in 2017. Giraffes stampeded. Galapagos tortoises began mating. Gibbons made an unusual calling sound. What intrigued him most was not the eccentric behaviors themselves, but why they were occurring. "A huge number of animals actually responded as if they became really upset and stressed out. And we weren't sure why they behaved that way," he says. That observation guided this month's study, which involved an array of species including bonobos, owls, coyotes and crocodiles. Hartstone-Rose says the data illuminated a nearly universal reaction across species — one that the team had noticed in 2017, but were able to confirm earlier this month: At the moment of totality, when the sky grew dark, animals began their regular evening routines as if nightfall had officially arrived. For nocturnal animals, this meant heightened activity. For diurnal animals, it meant napping, heading indoors or anticipating dinner. Hartstone-Rose says the most extreme reaction his team witnessed earlier this month was from Aldabra giant tortoises. "These giant tortoises that each weigh over 100 pounds wanted to get into their evening barn so badly that they reared up on their hind legs, which I didn't even know tortoises can do, and they pushed so hard against the door that they actually bent the door frame," he says.

**Accounting for the human factor**; Hartstone-Rose says animals experience a low degree of stress when their evening routine is disrupted, "like turning the stress dial up to a level one or two." On April 8, the species Hartstone-Rose and Chastenay separately observed never became stressed or erratic beyond that low level — unlike in 2017. The two researchers connected in the weeks leading up to the eclipse, having heard they were pursuing similar studies. As for why stress remained so low, they have a **hypothesis: fewer screaming people. "This is seemingly really strong evidence that animals that exhibit anxiety during an eclipse are anxious not because of the eclipse itself, but because of the human reaction to the eclipse,"** Hartstone-Rose says. "We think that the animals are just much more perceptive of our own emotionality during an eclipse than we previously sort of gave them credit for."

Hartstone-Rose recalls fireworks, cheering, and chaos where he was stationed along the path of totality in 2017. In contrast, during this month's solar eclipse, the Fort Worth Zoo had chosen to limit crowds for its watch party. They capped the event at roughly 2,200 people, which was modest compared to a typical weekend capacity of 8,000.

At Zoo de Granby, there were no cheers from visitors at all. The zoo was closed to the public that day, which is typical of weekdays in the off-season. Chastenay says during totality, the animals engaged in normal, instinctive evening behaviors with little interruption. Nocturnal animals were active, and diurnal animals were calm. "I think that our study will be a landmark, so to speak, because from now on, if people want to conduct this kind of study in zoos during a total eclipse, they will have to take into account the presence or not of humans going crazy during totality," Chastenay says.

Hartstone-Rose says despite the findings of his study, he does not believe zoos need to restrict or eliminate visitors during future eclipses. Instead, he says, zoos are "a magical place to be" during such events, and the cost of momentary stress for animals is low. "Zoo animals actually have it pretty good compared to their wild brethren," he says. "We should be aware of trying to reduce the stress in zoo animals, especially if they are habitually stressed. But allowing animals to become stressed on occasion is actually a very natural state for them."

Both scientists are looking ahead to future eclipse events. Hartstone-Rose hopes to translate research tools into other languages in order to determine if researchers on other continents observe similar animal behaviors. He also plans to survey animals in their wild environments, including during a total solar eclipse that will cross southern Africa in 2030.

"I think this is the beginning of a very fruitful collaboration," Chastenay says of his work with Hartstone-Rose.

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“If you're sitting around and listening to a damn lecture about the nature of free will, if you're sitting around thinking about any of this stuff, by definition, you're one of the lucky ones.”





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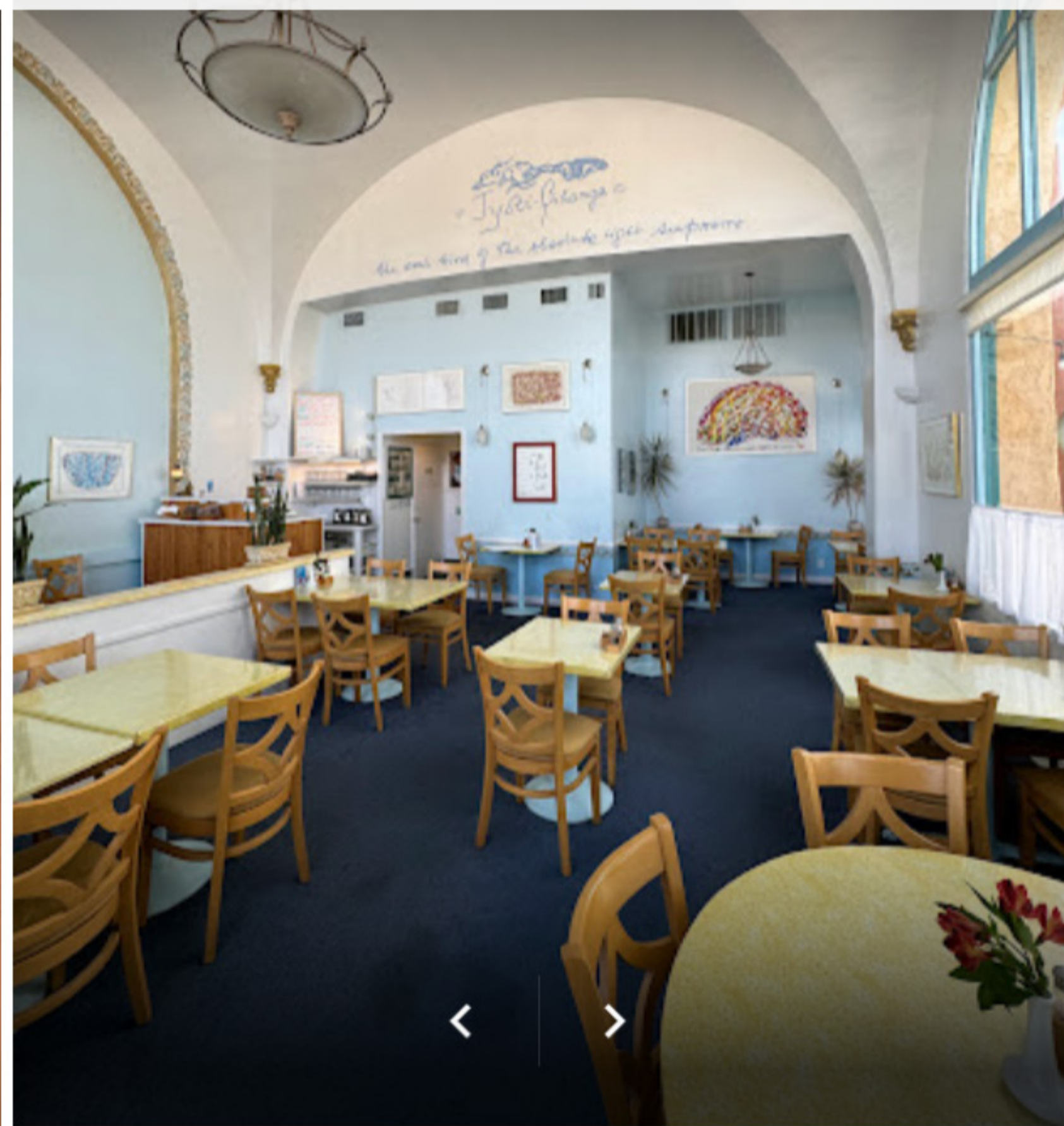








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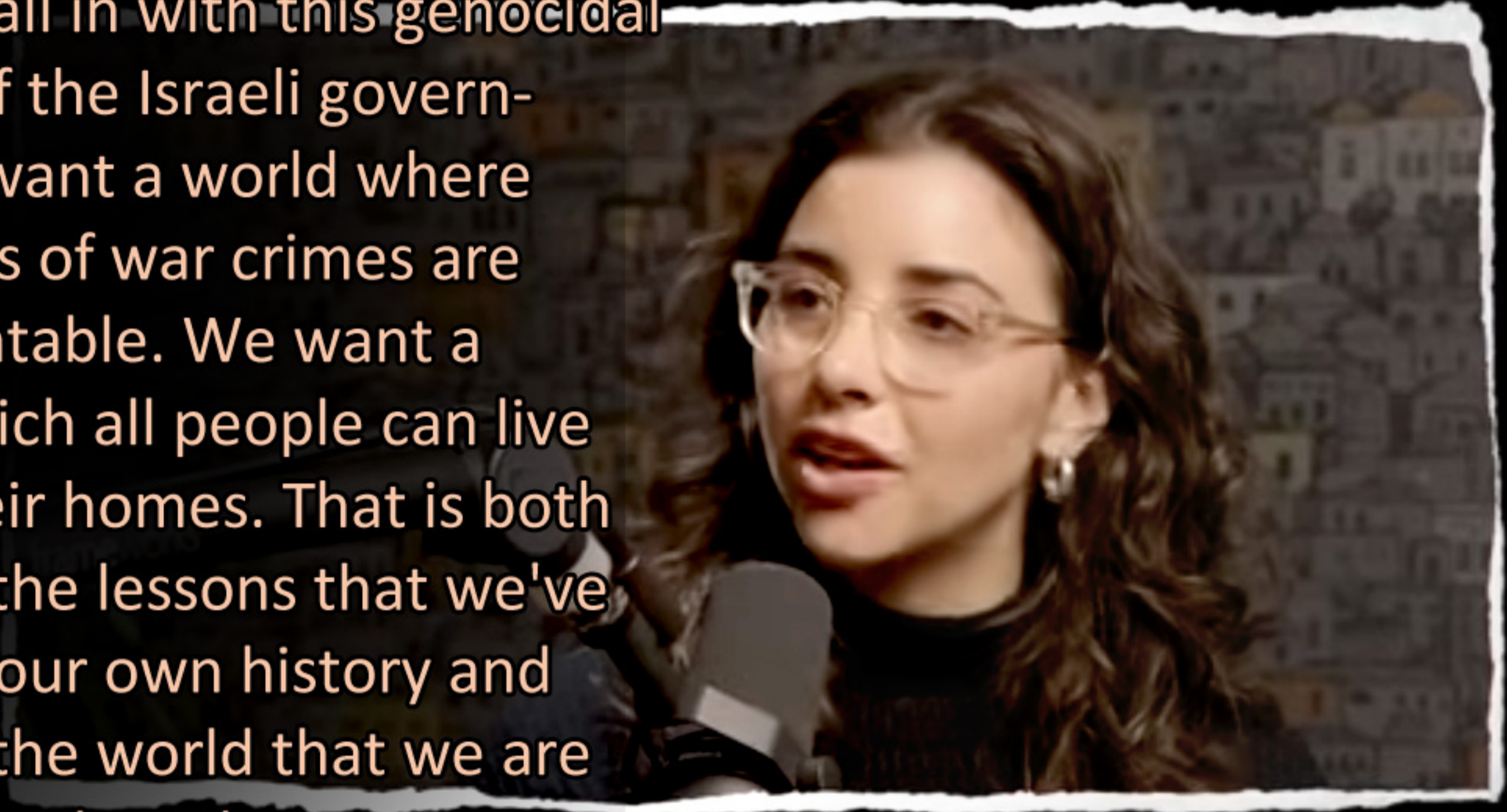
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## Noam Chomsky Passes the Torch to the Last Generation

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"There are problems of extreme urgency that will be solved in the near future, or we're finished."

If you're an activist, linguist, or political analyst, then Noam Chomsky needs no introduction. But for anyone unfamiliar, Chomsky has shaped numerous generations of critical minds, and blazed the trail for organizations like ours attempting to change society at a systemic level.

We're thrilled to have him on our show, and to ask what he sees for our future (if we have one) as a new generation of activists take to the front lines. The short is answer is that he believes in us and our chances if we can take this challenge seriously enough, keep our minds open, and do everything in our power to tackle these crises together.

Otherwise, all of the wisdom that he's shared with us will die with us, and the next generation may well be the last.

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**This interview was recorded in 2023 before Chomsky bowed out of public appearances**

# What is the Candor?

1. : unreserved, honest, or sincere expression : forthrightness.
2. : freedom from prejudice or malice : fairness.

# Sermon for Gaza

This is a sermon I gave Sunday April 28 at a service held at the encampment for Gaza at Princeton University. The service was organized by students from Princeton Theological Seminary.



CHRIS HEDGES

APR 28, 2024

In the conflicts I covered as a reporter in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans, I encountered singular individuals of varying creeds, religions, races and nationalities who majestically rose up to defy the oppressor on behalf of the oppressed. Some of them are dead. Some of them are forgotten. Most of them are unknown.

These individuals, despite their vast cultural differences, had common traits—a profound commitment to the truth, incorruptibility, courage, a distrust of power, a hatred of violence and a deep empathy that was extended to people who were different from them, even to people defined by the dominant culture as the enemy. They are the most remarkable men and women I met in my 20 years as a foreign correspondent. I set my life by the standards they set.

You have heard of some, such as Vaclav Havel, whom I and other foreign reporters met most evenings, during the 1989 Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, in the Magic Lantern Theatre in Prague. Others, no less great, you probably do not know, such as the Jesuit priest Iganacio Ellacuria, who was gunned down by the death squads in El Salvador in 1989. And then there are those “ordinary” people, although, as the writer V.S. Pritchett said, no people are ordinary, who risked their lives in war-time to shelter and protect those of an opposing religion or ethnicity being persecuted and hunted. And to some of these “ordinary” people I owe my own life.

To resist radical evil, as you are doing, is to endure a life that by the standards of the wider society is a failure. It is to defy injustice at the cost of your career, your reputation, your financial solvency and at times your life. It is to be a lifelong heretic. And, perhaps this is the most important point, it is to accept that the dominant culture, even the liberal elites, will push you to the margins and attempt to discredit not only what you do, but your character. When I returned to the newsroom at The New York Times after being booed off a commencement stage in 2003 for denouncing the invasion of Iraq and being publicly reprimanded by the paper for my stance against the war, reporters and editors I had known and worked with for 15 years lowered their heads or turned away when I was nearby. They did not want to be contaminated by the same career-killing contagion.

*Why am I here today with you? I am here because I have tried, however imperfectly, to live by the radical message of the Gospel. I am here because I know that it is not what we say or profess but what we do. I am here because I have seen that it is possible to be a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim, a Christian, a Hindu or an atheist and carry the cross.*

*The words are different but the self-sacrifice and thirst for justice are the same.*

## *Where were you when they crucified my Lord?*

Were you there to halt the genocide of Native Americans? Were you there when Sitting Bull died on the cross? Were you there to halt the enslavement of African-Americans? Were you there to halt the mobs that terrorized black men, women and even children with lynching during Jim Crow? Were you there when they persecuted union organizers and Joe Hill died on the cross? Were you there to halt the incarceration of Japanese-Americans in World War II? Were you there to halt Bull Connor’s dogs as they were unleashed on civil rights marchers in Birmingham? Were you there when Martin Luther King died upon the cross? Were you there when Malcolm X died on the cross? Were you there to halt the hate crimes, discrimination and violence against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, queers and those who are transgender? Were you there when Matthew Shepard died on the cross? Were you there to halt the abuse and at times enslavement of workers in the farmlands of this country? Were you there to halt the murder of hundreds of thousands of innocent Vietnamese during the war in Vietnam or hundreds of thousands of Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan? Were you there to halt the genocide in Gaza? Were you there when they crucified Refaat Alareer on the cross?

Where were you when they crucified my Lord?

I know where I was.

Here.

With you.

Amen.



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## Homelessness

# 'Where are they supposed to sleep?': US supreme court appears divided on key homelessness case

**Justices consider constitutionality of punishing people for sleeping outside as western states seek to address encampments**

**Diana Ramirez-Simon, Dani Anguiano, Isabeau Doucet and agencies**

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In 2022, the San Francisco-based ninth US circuit court of appeals ruled that Grants Pass could not enforce local ordinances that prohibit homeless people "from using a blanket, pillow, or cardboard box for protection from the elements" – a decision that applies across the nine western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Grants Pass appealed to the supreme court, arguing the ruling left it few good options.

The appeals court ruling built on its 2018 decision, known as *Martin v Boise*, that first barred camping bans when shelter space is lacking, and which the city is also challenging. It also applies to the nine western states in the court's jurisdiction. The supreme court declined to take up a different challenge to the ruling in 2019, before the solidification of its current 6-3 conservative majority.

Theane Evangelis, a lawyer representing Grants Pass, said the ruling "really has made it impossible for cities to address growing encampments, and they're unsafe, unhealthy and problematic for everyone, especially those who are experiencing homelessness".

During Monday's arguments, Justice Elena Kagan said the city's ordinance goes beyond trying to address encampments and public safety and criminalizes unhoused people trying to find a place to sleep.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked Evangelis what would happen if Grants Pass's ban were allowed to stand and other cities adopted similar laws. **"Where do we put them if every city, every village, every town lacks compassion and passes a law identical to this? Where are they supposed to sleep? Are they supposed to kill themselves, not sleeping?"** Sotomayor asked.

"This is a complicated policy question," Evangelis responded. "What's so complicated about letting someone, somewhere, sleep with a blanket in the outside if they have nowhere to sleep?" Sotomayor said.

The court's conservative justices, who comprise the majority, seemed receptive to the city's arguments. John Roberts, the chief justice, pushed back on critics' claims that the city's law impermissibly targets a person's status, which the court ruled in 1962 violates the eighth amendment. He asked what would happen in the city if the ordinances were to remain blocked.

"The city's hands will be tied. It will be forced to surrender its public spaces, as it [already] has been," Evangelis said.



## Holocaust Survivor Tells Me: Israel Is Committing Genocide - w. Stephen Kapos



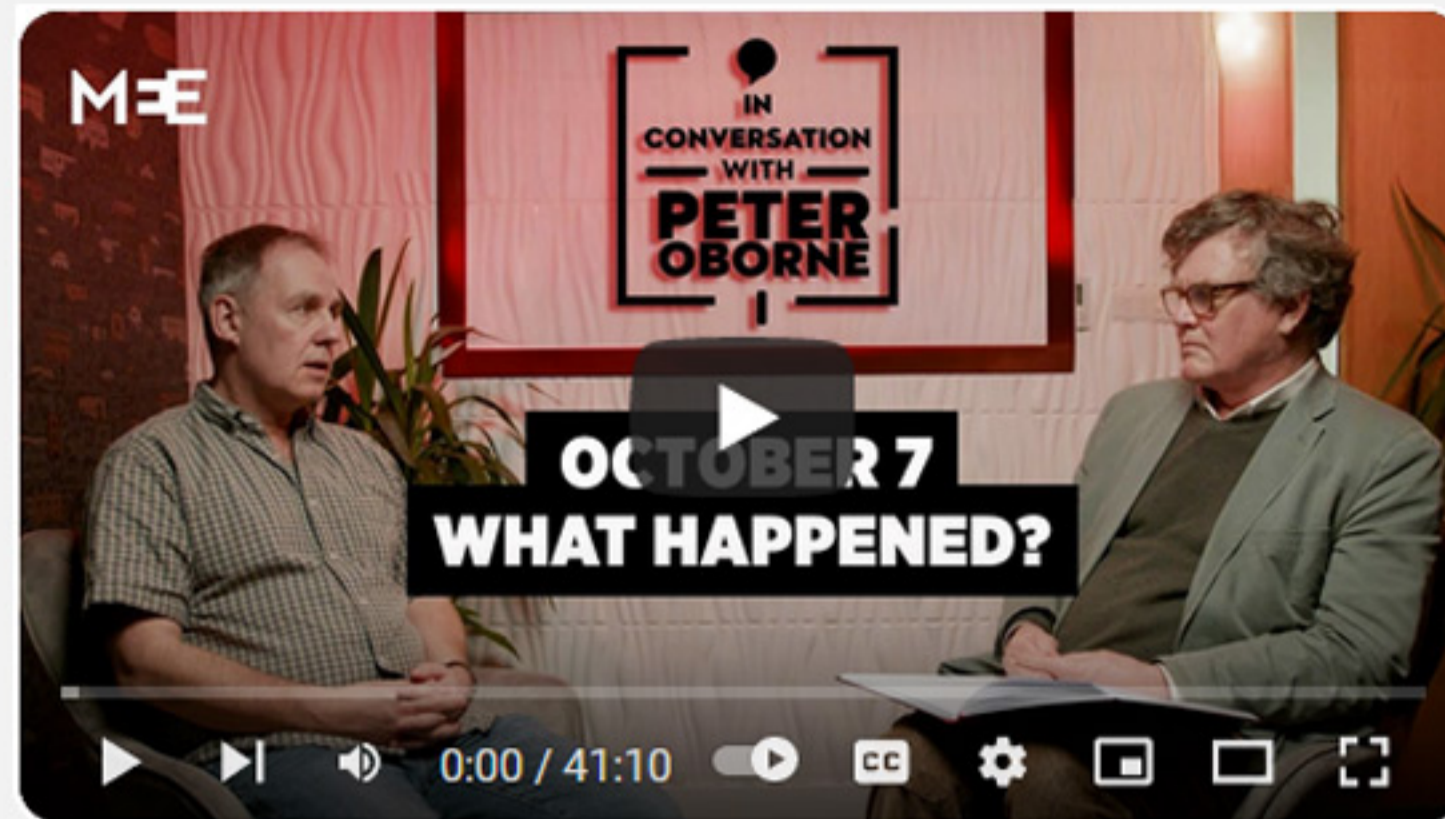
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Stephen Kapos is an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor from Budapest, and here he tells me about the horrors he survived - and why Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

He's such an inspiring voice, full of moral clarity, and it was a privilege to listen to him.



## The truth about October 7: Director Richard Sanders discusses his Al Jazeera film with Peter Osborne



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"When the Israelis and their supporters are called on to justify the ferocity of their response, which has killed far, far more people than the Hamas incursion... again and again and again, they will talk about babies and they will talk about rapes."

Award-winning journalist and film director Richard Sanders, sits down with Middle East Eye columnist Peter Osborne to discuss his latest film with Al Jazeera's Investigation Unit (I-Unit) October 7.

The film provides a forensic analysis of the Hamas-led attack on Israel that day, revealing human rights abuses committed by Hamas fighters. The months' long investigation also found that many claims repeated by politicians and western media, including mass rape and killings of babies, were false.

Sanders explains that the failure of western media outlets in reporting these claims has been used by Israel to justify its war on Gaza.



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# The Algebra of Genocide

CHRIS HEDGES  
APR 30, 2024



## Transcript

0:10 I spent seven years covering Gaza, and I've lost colleagues and friends.

0:22 Some of them have just disappeared.

0:24 But I'm fully aware that it's nothing compared to what many of you in this room are

0:30 going through who are Palestinian.

0:34 There just aren't words to describe the horror that we see emanating daily,

0:42 including this giant massacre at al-Shifa.

A talk at the benefit Iftar on April 6th to establish the Palestine Center for Public Policy.



Paul DuNard 7 hrs ago

I am now 80 years old. When I was 17, I was sent to Vietnam to participate in what I later learned was the American Vietnam-South Asian Genocide (3.8 million American taxed paid casualties, mostly children and non-combatants). I know what genocide looks like, I know what it smells like. I see it and smell it now

American Voters, having been corralled into a voters vicious circle, face a dilemma: whether to vote for either one of the two leading presidential candidates, is giving a nod either to Extreme Evil or MEGA Criminality.

As per Chris, I will take a bullet in my brain before I vote for Extreme Evil or MAGA Criminality.

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Thank you, Chris!

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Kody Cava Weird Catastrophe by Kody Cava 7 hrs ago

In addition to those immolators you mention here, Chris, we should also remember others who self-immolated in opposition to America's war in Vietnam: Florence Beaumont, a wife and mother, Roger Allan LaPorte, George Winne Jr., and Alice Herz - herself a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany. I hope their sacrifices, like Bushnell's, do not become forgotten. Their stories are here:

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Tom Alfera Tom's Substack 5 hrs ago

Thank you, Chris. For everything, but especially your words about Aaron Bushnell. He really affected my students; he affected us all.

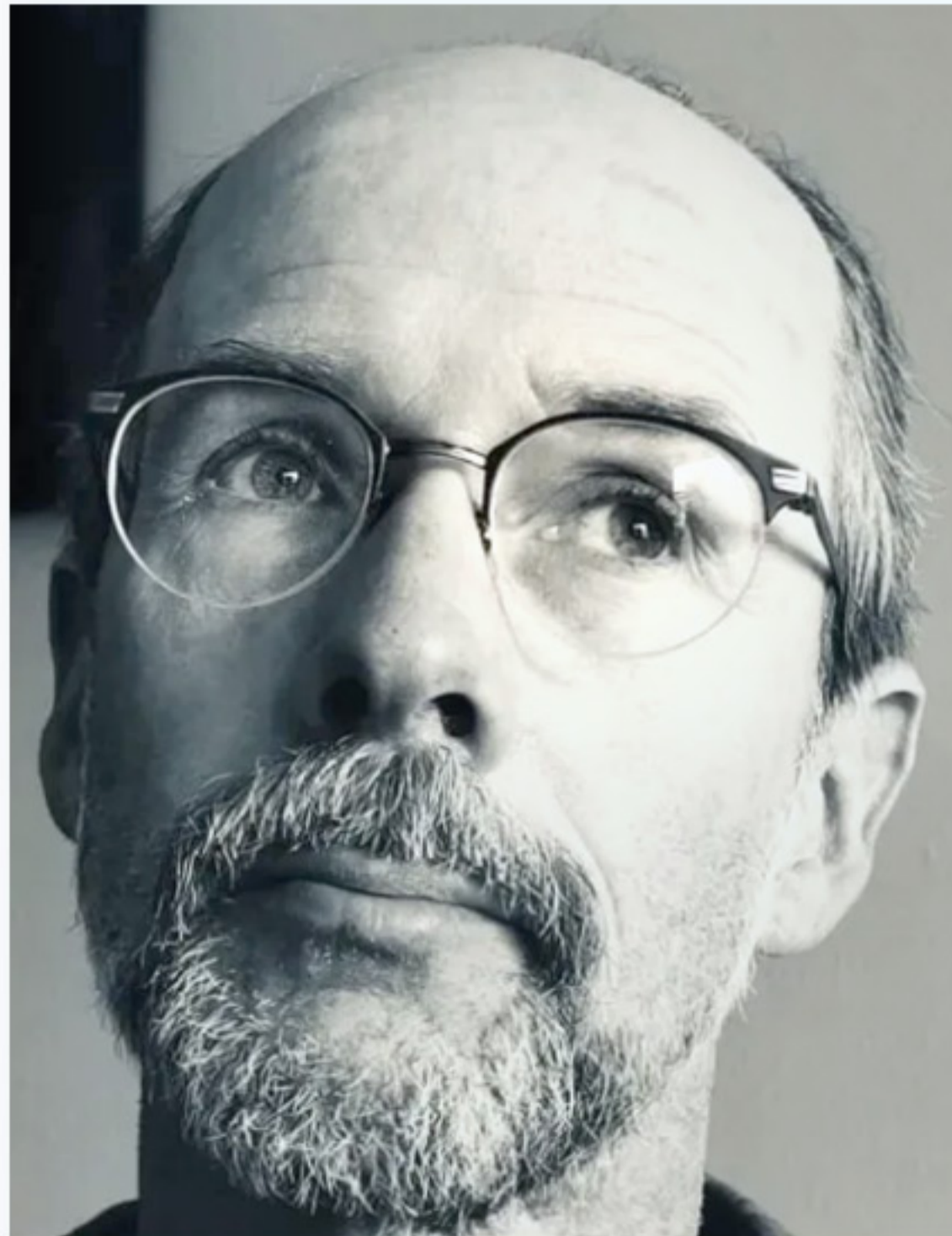
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# The Self-Immolations of Climate Activists Exposes The Need For An American Reckoning

As our social contract lies in tatters, our community bonds are further rended, and ruling elites do nothing but hasten the ecological holocaust, acts of self-destruction are only going to increase.



KODY CAVA  
JUL 06, 2022



Portrait of Wynn Bruce from his Facebook profile.

Although he did not leave an explicit letter explaining his motivations, the timing of Bruce's self-immolation in accordance with Earth Day actions at the U.S. capitol, as well as the testimony of his friends and loved ones, paints a picture of someone who cared very much about the issue of climate change and wanted people to recognize the immensity of its scale and impact.

In April of 2022, **Wynn Bruce**, a 50-year old practicing Buddhist and environmentalist, travelled from his home in Boulder, Colorado to Washington D.C. On the evening of Friday the 22nd, Earth Day, Bruce walked up the steps of the Supreme Court, sat down with his legs extended before him, and set himself on fire. According to eyewitnesses, as the flames enveloped Bruce, he did not scream in pain. He remained sitting upright as police attempted to douse the flames with water from a nearby fountain. After being airlifted to a nearby hospital, he died of his wounds the next day. A friend of Bruce, Dr. Kritee Kanko, herself a Buddhist and a scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund, wrote, *"This act is not suicide. This is a deeply fearless act of compassion to bring attention to climate crisis."*



*For the cause:*

The harder thing is to live on, knowing the truth.  
The softer thing is to die in the wilderness, unnoticed.  
The unspeakable thing is to set yourself on fire, . . .  
without leaving a note.



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# A U.S. diplomat tells NPR why she resigned in protest over the policy in Gaza

APRIL 30, 2024 · 5:01 AM ET

By Mary Louise Kelly, Megan Lim, Justine Kenin



A Palestinian man walks on building rubble in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on April 22.

AFP via Getty Images

As protests against the U.S. policy in Gaza unfold on college campuses across the country, the State Department is facing its own protests too. An Arabic-speaking public affairs official has just resigned over the Biden administration's approach to the war in Gaza, making her the third such public resignation. Her name is **Hala Rharrit** and she's been with the State Department for 18 years, most recently as deputy director of the Dubai media hub. Rharrit spoke with *All Things Considered* host Mary Louise Kelly on Monday about why she says the policy is hurting U.S. interests, how she experienced "a lot of silencing" when she spoke out, and what she wants to say to Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

**Mary Louise Kelly:** Tell me when you started thinking about resigning?

**Hala Rharrit:** Well, honestly, it was quite a long process. I've been a diplomat for 18 years, really my entire adult life. But the policy really became unacceptable. I was holding out, hoping to try to change things from the inside until I realized at one point that this policy was undermining U.S. interests, it was destabilizing the Middle East, and it was indeed a failed policy. And with that, I decided that I could no longer be part of the department and decided to submit my resignation. [ . . . ]

**Kelly:** So if you could lean down and speak directly into secretary Blinken's ear, what would you tell him?

**Rharrit:** Please stop the violence and unconditional military support. This is causing a generational cycle of violence, secretary Blinken. Just think about the 20,000 orphans in Gaza. How are they going to grow up wanting peace? How will they not each want to pick up a gun and avenge the killing of their parents? This vicious cycle is only enabling more insecurity, more hate, more destabilization. The answer is not more bombs. The answer is diplomacy. The answer is us leveraging our influence on Israel, working with our regional partners across the Arab world, to put pressure on Hamas to get to a Palestinian state living side by side with Israel, which is a two-state solution that the U.S. has long supported.



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# Hala Rharrit

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Hala Rharrit serves as Arabic Language Spokesperson for the State Department and as the Dubai Regional Media Hub's Deputy Director. Hala joined the Foreign Service in 2006 as a political officer. Her tours have included Yemen, Hong Kong, Qatar, and most recently South Africa, where she served as the Political and Economic Section Chief at U.S. Consulate Durban. Hala has a Master's degree from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, with a concentration in Arab Studies, and an undergraduate degree in International Relations and

Middle Eastern Studies from George Washington University's Elliott School. She is passionate about diplomacy and breaking down barriers through communication and mutual understanding.

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