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MORNING HEADLINES

- "Trump Won't Oppose Release of Search Warrant" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "House Set to Pass Democrats' Climate, Health and Tax Package" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "With Western Funds Slow to Arrive, Ukraine Scrapes to Pay Its Soldiers" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "CDC loosens coronavirus guidance, signaling strategic shift" [[WaPo](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Garland asks court to unseal warrant for Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker And Michael Balsamo, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Justice Department is asking a federal court to unseal the warrant the FBI used to search the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald Trump, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, acknowledging extraordinary public interest in the case about classified records. The request is striking because such documents traditionally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the Justice Department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what prompted Monday's action at the former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Garland Calls Trump's Bluff as Justice Department Moves to Unseal Warrant,

Charlie Savage, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Thursday called former President Donald J. Trump's bluff. Ever since the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at Mr. Trump's Florida residence on Monday, Mr. Trump and his supporters have been portraying the search as baseless and politically motivated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Here are the main takeaways from Garland's statement on the Mar-a-Lago search, Glenn Thrush, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

All week, former President Donald J. Trump's allies pressed Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to explain the basis for the search warrant federal agents had executed at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence — and he refused to break the silence he wears like his unwrinkled, federal blue suit. On Thursday, Mr. Garland finally responded, summoning the news media to a seventh-floor briefing room at the headquarters of the Justice Department to offer a public rationale. The new information he provided was extremely limited, and largely dependent on whether Mr. Trump's lawyers choose to block the release of the warrant and other documents sealed by a federal judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago, George F. Will, August 11, 2022, 6:39 PM

After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he did not have “a political bone” in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately. His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland's surprise announcement calls the Trump-GOP bluff, Paul Waldman and Greg Sargent, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

Since Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort was searched by FBI agents, Republicans have relentlessly attacked the bureau, the Justice Department and Attorney General Merrick Garland for conducting a supposed political vendetta. Unfortunately, too often the press has allowed their baseless accusations to pollute this story, so a bizarre inversion of reality has been given nearly equal weight with known facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland is no gambler. My bet is he's acting on more than a hunch, Michael Gerson, August 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago has created a logical tension at the center of American political life. An attorney general known for prudence and the restoration of norms has acted in bold and unprecedented fashion. If the FBI has been used as an instrument of political harassment — as some Republican leaders allege, without evidence — then former judge Merrick Garland has become Mr. Hyde. Or, in the typically restrained Republican translation, a Nazi. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Esquire](#), [HuffPo](#), [New Republic](#)

ABC: Garland puts pressure back on Trump as GOP targets Justice: The Note, Rick Klein, Averi Harper, and Alisa Wiersema, August 12, 2022, 6:06 AM

For those inclined to think Attorney General Merrick Garland is playing chess to counter former President Donald Trump's checkers, consider how much easier it is to win at checkers. Consider as well the extraordinary challenge Garland threw back to Trump — and not just with the decision his legal team now faces Friday about whether to stand in the way of public release of the search warrant and list of items seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] FBI weaponized by Biden Justice Department in campaign against Trump, Michael R. Pompeo, August 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

On Monday night, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials raided former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago after following through on a search warrant. In so doing, a federal government agency undertook the most severe and egregious action against a former president in the history of our country. This raid goes far beyond an alleged need to recover documents and return them to the National Archives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Trump lawyer slams Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: 'Pathetic presser', Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Attorney for former President Donald Trump Christina Bobb reacted to Attorney General Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI's raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on "The Ingraham Angle." CHRISTINA BOBB: This is what the Democrats do. They don't have any good reason for doing what they did. The pathetic presser that Merrick Garland held for three minutes was insufficient, so they had to create fear. Normally, they should come out with exactly what happened, and why, and explain themselves and if it was a good reason, they would have solid ground. They are not on solid ground. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for AG search warrant for Unabomber's cabin: Former FBI official, Joshua Comins, August 11, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former FBI deputy assistant director of counterterrorism Terry Turchie said Attorney General Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for a search warrant for the Unabomber's cabin on Thursday's "Jesse Watters Primetime." "I've never said this publicly, but I'll just tell you right now because it just sickens me to watch and listen to Merrick Garland, because Merrick Garland was in charge of the prosecution at DOJ of the Unabomber," Turchie said. "And I have to tell you something: He would not recommend to the AG that our search warrant to get into Theodore Kaczynski's cabin be approved." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: DOJ bets its future on how it handles the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Ryan J. Reilly, August 11, 2022, 10:11 PM

In approving the unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Justice Department leaders have bet the house on their handling of an investigation that will have sweeping implications for the future of both federal law enforcement and American democracy. Monday's hourslong search of Trump's Florida resort in connection with an investigation into classified documents that Trump is alleged to have kept on the property will reverberate in American politics for the foreseeable future. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, The Last Word: [VIDEO] 'Merrick Garland Has Outsmarted Donald Trump At Every Turn', Lawrence O'Donnell, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell explains how Attorney General Garland "has handled the most important week of his life flawlessly" and says "Donald Trump has no idea what to say now with Merrick Garland closing in on him." [[Watch](#)]

ABC: Congressional Republicans call Garland's remarks on Mar-a-Lago search insufficient, Tal Axelrod, August 11, 2022, 6:10 PM

Congressional Republicans were quick to pan Merrick Garland's Thursday remarks on the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago -- calling the attorney general's comments insufficient and insisting the Justice Department release more information behind the unprecedented raid even as Garland said he wants the search warrant unsealed. But GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department's motion to unseal parts of the warrant would not cut

it, demanding that more information behind the search's genesis was needed given the gravity of the operation at a former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland praised for 'speaking up' as DOJ moves to make FBI Mar-a-Lago search details public, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

Donald Trump could reveal the details of the FBI Mar-a-Lago search right now, but he has not, leaving the dangling question of, "why?" Now, the Department of Justice is moving to make that information public. We also bring you fresh reporting on a subpoena from this past spring concerning sensitive documents the FBI believed Trump was still improperly holding. Dr. Jason Johnson in for Joy Reid and our panel of experts analyze this developing story on The ReidOut on MSNBC. [[Watch](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Warrant, FBI Office Attacked, New CDC COVID Guidance, August 12, 2022, 5:52 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has requested that the Mar-a-Lago search warrant be made public (1:16). Violent rhetoric from the GOP fueled an attack on the Cincinnati FBI office (5:47). The CDC relaxes COVID-19 guidance signaling a new phase of the pandemic (9:38). [[Listen](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] Why it took so long for Merrick Garland to go public, Myah Ward, August 11, 2022, 7:59 PM

Merrick Garland has broken his silence. In a five-minute afternoon presser, the attorney general revealed that he personally approved of the decision to execute the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on Monday, and announced the Department of Justice's decision to unseal portions of the warrant. The move comes after three days of wall-to-wall media coverage and a massive outcry from Republicans who have demanded more information about the search and why it was necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsday: [EDITORIAL] Garland's position makes plain sense, Editorial Board, August 11, 2022, 7:42 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's terse but strong statement on Thursday regarding the search of former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida brought a brief and timely glimpse of light to a muddled situation created by the former commander-in-chief himself. Yes, Garland approved the warrant for federal agents to search Mar-a-Lago. No, the former federal appeals court judge did not take this measure involving a former president lightly. And he made it clear that he won't abide by "unfounded attacks" on the FBI and Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Merrick Garland calls Trump's bluff, Kyle Cheney and Meredith McGraw, August 11, 2022, 7:11 PM

Donald Trump and his allies spent days pounding the Justice Department for executing a search warrant at the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, whipping supporters into a frenzy and exploiting DOJ's characteristic secrecy by telling their own versions of events. Some even developed a rallying cry as they attacked the department: Release the warrant! [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Judicial group launches ads claiming Democrats endanger Supreme Court justices, Alex Swoyer, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

A conservative judicial group launched a \$10 million ad campaign this week claiming that Democrats are endangering Supreme Court justices, and is targeting Attorney General Merrick Garland in its first ad. Judicial Crisis Network's first cable and digital ad will launch

Thursday in the Washington, D.C., market. It claims that Mr. Garland cowered to a "woke mob" by refusing to enforce federal laws against protesting in front of a justice's home as an attempt to obstruct justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Ex-cop sentenced to more than 7 years in prison for role in storming U.S. Capitol, Sarah N. Lynch, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A former Virginia police sergeant who joined Donald Trump's supporters in storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison on Thursday, a Justice Department spokesperson said. A jury in April convicted Thomas Robertson, a former police sergeant for the town of Rocky Mount, Virginia, of six criminal charges, including obstructing an official proceeding and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

Bloomberg: [OPINION] Bolton Plot Should Be a Warning on Iran Nuclear Talks, Bobby Ghosh, August 11, 2022, 8:27 PM

The Iranian regime has a long, dishonorable history of assassination plots against dissidents and detractors abroad, but commissioning a hit against a former US national security adviser represents a raising of the bar in brazenness. The revelation that a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps attempted to have John Bolton murdered — on American soil, at that — should serve as a sobering reminder for President Joe Biden of Tehran's depravity as he contemplates making a deal that will both enrich and embolden those behind the plot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#)

WSJ: Man Who Brandished Rifle at Cincinnati FBI Office Killed in Standoff, Ben Kesling and Sadie Gurman, August 11, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man armed with a rifle tried to break into the security screening area of the FBI's Cincinnati field office before fleeing the scene and being killed in a gunbattle with police, officials said. The man attempted to breach the screening area at the office Thursday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. His entry set off an alarm, and armed agents responded. He first fired a nail gun at law enforcement, then brandished an AR-15-style rifle before fleeing in a Ford Crown Victoria, according to law enforcement officials. He was reportedly wearing body armor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WTGS (Hardeeville, SC): Iraqi man sentenced to federal prison for attempting to smuggle guns through Savannah: DOJ, Parker Fluke, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Iraqi national has been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of attempting to smuggle guns through the Port of Savannah, according to a release from the US Dept. of Justice. U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia David Estes said Nihad Al Jaberi, 43, of Clarkston, received a sentence of 94 months in prison. His charges included smuggling, failure to notify a common carrier and submitting false or misleading export information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Detailed accusations of Secret Service impeding Jan 6 investigation were scrapped from report to Congress, Whitney Wild and Zachary Cohen, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A memo detailing how federal investigators believed the Secret Service was impeding them

from obtaining key information about the agency's response to January 6, 2021, was significantly altered to remove reference to nearly all those efforts before a final report was presented to lawmakers in June. The memo's original language contained detailed descriptions from the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office of the multiple ways the Secret Service stalled the watchdog's investigation into the agency's actions before and during the Capitol riot, including erasing text messages from that day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [Politico](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump calls for 'immediate' release of Mar-a-Lago warrant, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 12, 2022, 12:20 AM

Former President Donald Trump called late Thursday for the "immediate" release of the federal warrant the FBI used to search his Florida estate, hours after the Justice Department had asked a court to unseal the warrant, with Attorney General Merrick Garland citing the "substantial public interest in this matter." In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents." He continued to assail the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago as "unAmerican, unwarranted and unnecessary." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapposky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys, a state attorney general and the Justice Department. Authorities are looking into Trump and his family business for a medley of possible wrongdoing, including his actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol and how he valued his various assets for loan and tax purposes. The probes threaten Trump with criminal or financial penalties, or plain old public embarrassment, as he remains a dominant presence in his party and weighs a 2024 bid to return to the White House. Here's a list of the key investigations and where they stand. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: FBI searched Trump's home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump's Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Forbes](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WaPo: How agents get warrants like the one used at Mar-a-Lago, and what they mean, Perry Stein, August 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

FBI agents executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump's Florida home on Monday, taking about a dozen boxes of material after opening a safe and entering a padlocked storage area. Trump and his allies have denounced the search as unlawful and politically motivated but provided no evidence to back that up and have refused to share a

copy of the warrant with the public. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Media outlets file motion to unseal entirety of DOJ's records to search Mar-a-Lago, Jared Gans, August 11, 2022, 8:41 PM

A group of four major media companies filed a motion on Thursday to unseal all court documents related to the search warrant that the FBI executed at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property on Monday. The Washington Post, CNN, NBC News and E.W. Scripps Company filed the motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to ask for documents pertaining to the search warrant, including the search warrants themselves, the warrant application, "all probable cause affidavits filed in support of the search warrant" and any motion to seal the "warrant-related records", among other things. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Trump talked his way into DOJ requesting release of records from Mar-a-Lago search, Sonam Sheth, C. Ryan Barber, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday asked a federal judge to unseal the search warrant and other records related to the raid of Mar-a-Lago, the South Florida home and members-only club of former President Donald Trump. At a press conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department had taken the unusual step "in light of the former president's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter." The attorney general also confirmed that he personally signed off on the pursuit of a warrant to search Trump's home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Dad gets home detention for bribing Georgetown coach, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Pennsylvania man who pleaded guilty to bribing a Georgetown University tennis coach to get his daughter into the school was sentenced Thursday to about a month in home detention. Robert Repella, a former pharmaceutical executive, agreed to pay then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst at least \$120,000 to have his daughter designated as a tennis recruit for the Washington D.C. university, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [Law360](#),

Bloomberg: US Capitol's '600 Rooms' Spurred Subpoena Confusion, Ex-Trump Aide Says in Jan. 6 Case, Sabrina Willmer, August 11, 2022, 11:14 AM

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is arguing in his criminal contempt case that a subpoena left out the room in which he was to testify before the US House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The Capitol building has 600 rooms and the subpoena didn't specify which one, Navarro's lawyer John Rowley said at a hearing Thursday in federal court in Washington. He added that the panel later changed the site of the deposition to a different building altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courier (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA): Man injured in 2020 gunfight sentenced on gun charges, Jeff Reinitz, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man who was shot in the chest during a 2020 gunfight in Waterloo has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Judge C.J. Williams sentenced Chad Edward Lee, 20, to up to eight years and four months in federal prison during a Thursday hearing in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Orlando Sentinel: Clermont cheerleading coach indicted for sexually assaulting minors he trained, DOJ says, Amanda Rabines, August 11, 2022, 8:50 PM

The Clermont cheerleading coach who was arrested at his Winter Garden home for allegedly sexually assaulting minors he trained is facing a possible life sentence after being indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida. Vigilant D'Haiti, 40, has been charged with one count of possessing images and videos of children being sexually exploited, one count of production of child sexual abuse images and videos, and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: After receiving time served in city, Baltimore arsonist sentenced in federal court to 12 years for setting fire to ex-girlfriend's home, Jessica Anderson, August 11, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Baltimore man who received a controversial sentence last year in the city for setting his ex-girlfriend's home on fire was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison. Luther Moody Trent, 22, pleaded guilty in June to one count of malicious destruction in connection to a blaze at his ex-girlfriend's house where she and two others were inside. Trent admitted to pouring gasoline on her rowhouse at 1900 Linden Ave. on May 21, 2021, and lighting it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez sentenced to 19.5 years in prison for killing crew mate with knife and hammer off coast of Massachusetts, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

A scalloping ship crewmember who attacked three co-workers, killing one, was sentenced in Boston federal court Thursday to 19 and a half years in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2018 incident off the coast of Massachusetts, officials said. Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to 235 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, the United States Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Tennessean (Nashville, TN): Former T.J. Martel Foundation VP Melissa Goodwin faces prison time in embezzlement scheme, Molly Davis, August 11, 2022, 5:51 PM

Melissa Goodwin was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling more than \$3.7 million from the T.J. Martel Foundation for Cancer Research, U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced Thursday. Goodwin worked as the executive vice president and general manager of the foundation. She was charged with wire fraud earlier this year and pleaded guilty to devising and operating a scheme to defraud the foundation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): Vancouver man pleads guilty to federal charge of mail fraud, Becca Robbins, August 11, 2022, 5:15 PM

A Vancouver man pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with a Ponzi scheme that defrauded 32 investors of \$4.3 million. Charles Richard Burgess, 66, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 4 in U.S. District Court in Tacoma. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charging information, filed Aug. 4, states that between 1995 and April 2021, Burgess sold investments in an unregistered investment vehicle that he called "the pool." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Providence Journal: U.S. Attorney: Pawtucket man videotaped kidnapping of man believed to be police informant, Jack Perry, August 11, 2022, 4:45 PM

On Wednesday, a Pawtucket man pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges and admitted his role in the violent kidnapping of a man he and others mistakenly believed had been cooperating with police, law-enforcement officials in Massachusetts announced. Anthony

Basilici, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, victim or informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Baltimore Sun: Pasadena man, 21, pleads guilty to federal child pornography charge, Dan Belson, August 11, 2022, 4:37 PM

A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to a child pornography possession charge, admitting that he used file sharing services to collect and distribute images of sexual abuse. The charges against Raymond Martin Shamer III, of Pasadena, stem from a Department of Homeland Security investigation into the former Massachusetts Maritime Academy student's social media accounts, which authorities said he used to upload and share child pornography files. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Bessemer kingpin sentenced to life in federal prison for leading multi-million-dollar drug enterprise, Carol Robinson, August 11, 2022, 11:05 AM

A Bessemer man convicted under the federal drug "Kingpin" statute has been sentenced to life in prison. Rolando Antuain Williamson, aka "Baldhead" and "Ball Head," was found guilty in April.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KEPR-CBS (Pasco, WA): Kennewick drug trafficker sentenced to ten years in federal prison, Sasha Terry, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

On August 11th, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, Vanessa R. Waldref announced that 30-year-old Aurelio James Gonzalez of Kennewick has been sentenced in federal court in Spokane for two counts of Distribution of Methamphetamine. Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced Gonzales to a total of 120 months in federal prison and ordered Gonzales to serve a five-year term of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): 'Horrendous': Former Fort Campbell soldier, wife sentenced for child pornography crimes, Stephanie Langston, August 11, 2022, 9:39 PM

Disturbing, unthinkable images shared between a former Fort Campbell soldier and his wife landed the couple in federal prison. On Wednesday, Kara Adkins was sentenced to more than 20 years and Robert Adkins was sentenced to 10 years for child pornography crimes. Robert Adkins was an automated logistical specialist. He was a staff sergeant and served approximately 16 years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTVN-ABC \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): Penitas Mayor pleaded guilty to fraud, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 8:31 PM

The mayor of Penitas pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with the La Joya Independent School District, a release states. Rodrigo Lopez, 38 of Penitas, admitted that in 2018 he aided and abetted the La Joya ISD athletic director in committing fraud against the district. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KRGV-ABC \(Weslaco, TX\)](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Des Moines identity thief indicted for bank fraud on the run; stole more than \$100K over 3 years, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:12 PM

A 48-year-old Des Moines woman is being sought by law enforcement after escaping from

federal agents when they tried to arrest her Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Nick Brown's office announced. Jennifer Suazo, also known as Jennifer Esperanza, was indicted by a grand jury for five counts of bank fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): **Man sentenced for threatening public officials in Norfolk**, Dina Weinstein, August 11, 2022, 8:09 PM

A New York man was sentenced today to more than nine years in federal prison for mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and to a federal prosecutor, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, 29-year-old Brock Beeman sent multiple threatening letters from prison to government employees associated with a separate criminal prosecution of Beeman in Norfolk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): **Las Vegas man charged for running Ponzi scheme that bilked Northern Ohioans, others out of a combined \$8.5 million**, Justin McMullen, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Las Vegas sports bettor was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud for running what the U.S. Department of Justice called a Ponzi scheme that defrauded approximately 72 victims, including many in Northern Ohio, out of more than \$8.5 million. Matthew J. Turnipseede, 49, allegedly promised investors in four of his companies double-digit returns, telling them that their money would generate profits through "sophisticated sports wagers" made with the help of an algorithm, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio's office said in a release announcing the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): **Parma man charged with helping set fire to parking booth during 2020 riots in Downtown Cleveland**, Tyler Carey, August 11, 2022, 5:27 PM

A Parma man is facing federal charges for his alleged role in the infamous Downtown Cleveland riots from more than two years ago. Seth Calig, 49, is accused of helping a group set fire to a parking booth back on May 30, 2020. Specifically, the Department of Justice alleges Calig used a lighter to ignite a roll of paper towels before placing the flaming object inside the structure on West 3rd Street, while others looked on. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): **Georgia man sentenced after threatening to blow up New York IRS office**, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced in federal court after admitting to his threats to blow up an IRS office in New York. According to the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office, Benjamin Stasko, 34, of St. Simons Island, posted a comment on a federal agency's website on July 6th, 2020, alleging that a pipe bomb had been planted as a threat towards the IRS in the Ted Weiss Federal Building in New York, New York. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): **Harrisburg man charged with unlicensed dealing in firearms: attorney**, Avery Van Etten, August 11, 2022, 3:54 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted Wednesday on allegations that he purchased guns for other people and engaged in unlicensed dealing in firearms. Johvaughan Young, 23, allegedly purchased 13 handguns between June 30, 2020, and Sept. 14, 2021, that he said for were himself when they actually were not, according to a release from United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Monday hearing set for 2 ex-cops in George Floyd's killing, STEVE KARNOWSKI, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

A judge scheduled a hearing for Monday on the "status of plea negotiations" for the two remaining officers awaiting trial on state charges in the killing of George Floyd, with the hearing coming after the judge's window for accepting any deal appears to have closed. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill said in previous orders that he would not accept plea agreements unless they came within a 15-day window after former Officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were sentenced in federal court on separate civil rights charges. Those sentences came down July 27. His orders did not specify business days or calendar days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Dallas salon shooting suspect indicted on hate crime charge for allegedly shooting 3 Korean women, Amanda Su, August 11, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon in May was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced. Jeremy Smith, 37, is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault, each with a hate-crime enhancement and punishable by five years to life in prison. He was arrested by Dallas police on May 16 and remains in the county jail with bail set at \$700,000. [...] Texas federal prosecutors, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division partnered for a federal hate crime investigation into Smith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Texas governor must turn over Dropbox files in redistricting case, Stephen Paulsen, August 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has ordered Texas Governor Greg Abbott to turn over documents in an ongoing dispute over proposed election maps in Texas — including documents stored online through a Dropbox link. In a lawsuit that started last year, the League of United Latin American Citizens and other civil rights groups allege that new Texas congressional maps "unlawfully dilute the voting strength of Latinos." With around 4 million new residents in the 2020 census, Texas is the only state set to gain two new congressional seats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

WSJ: Judge Declares Mistrial in Flint Water Crisis Civil Case, Tatal Ansari, August 11, 2022, 8:53 PM

A judge declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors were unable to reach a verdict in a case involving companies that had been hired to help Flint, Mich., fix its water system—but were alleged to have instead contributed to the city's lead-tainted water crisis. Multiple Flint residents had sued Veolia North America and Texas-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc., an engineering consulting firm also known as LAN, accusing them of being partially responsible for the water crisis that began in 2014. The civil case, which involved just a few plaintiffs, was seen as a bellwether for possible further litigation, according to legal experts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [Law360](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Sex Assault Suit Against Former General, Daniel Wilson, August 11, 2022, 7:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed that a former Army colonel could pursue sexual assault allegations against the Pentagon's recently retired second-highest-ranking officer,

Gen. John Hyten, saying the colonel's claims could not be considered incident to military service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Pharmacy, Owner Agree to Pay \$4.1 Million to Resolve Liability,

Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:35 PM

Philadelphia-based Spivack Inc.—previously operating under the name Verree Pharmacy—and owner-pharmacist Mitchell Spivack have agreed to pay more than \$4.1 million to resolve forfeiture claims as well as their civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act and False Claims Act, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Federal Medical Injury Lawsuit Jeopardized by Washington Law, Mary

Anne Pazanowski, August 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

Washington's drop-dead date for filing medical malpractice lawsuits likely bars a Navy spouse's suit against the federal government because it's substantive and doesn't conflict with federal law, the Ninth Circuit said Thursday. The Federal Tort Claims Act doesn't supplant Washington's statute of repose, which puts an outside limit of eight years, running from the date of the occurrence, on filing medical malpractice claims, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said. The limit applies even if a patient hasn't discovered an injury and its cause, the court said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Springfield News-Leader: Indoor thermostat company connected to Preferred Family Healthcare to pay \$1M, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

After Preferred Family Healthcare paid more than \$8 million in April, a Springfield company affiliated with the nonprofit is paying \$1 million as part of a non-prosecution agreement, according to a Department of Justice press release. Pro 1 IAQ, Inc., is a Missouri corporation with operations in Springfield and Boulder, Colorado, that designs and sells indoor thermostats nationwide. The corporation signed an agreement that admitted former executive officers engaged in a conspiracy to embezzle funds from Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. from 2008 to November 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KY3 \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Middlesex County Company Admits Undervaluing

Merchandise to Avoid Paying U.S. Customs Duties, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 12:58 PM

A Middlesex County company has entered into a settlement agreement with the United States to resolve allegations that it made false statements to avoid paying customs duties, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to the admissions and contentions of the United States in the settlement agreement: Eos Energy Storage LLC (Eos) is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Edison that designs and sells industrial batteries to power companies and other commercial enterprises. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Edison-Metuchen, NJ\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Immigration judge could be replaced over 'stupid' comment, court says,

Daniel Wiessner, August 11, 2022, 1:19 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday said a federal immigration board must reconsider disqualifying a judge from a deportation case after she called a Nicaraguan man's claim that he is not fluent in Spanish "stupid" and "laughable." A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applied too high of a bar in finding that the judge's comment did not violate the due process rights of

Rodolfo Tinoco Acevedo, a legal permanent resident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

USA Today: **'Make my day': Texas Gov. Abbott challenges NYC Mayor Adams over migrant busing dispute**, Natalie Neysa Alund, August 11, 2022, 7:03 PM

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firing back at New York City Mayor Eric Adams after he threatened to send bus loads of New Yorkers to Texas to campaign against Abbott's re-election bid. "I kind of feel like Clint Eastwood. Go ahead, Mayor. Make my day," Abbott publicly declared Wednesday. The dueling politicians have gone back and forth since the Lone Star State began busing migrants from the Texas-Mexico border to the Big Apple on Aug. 5. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Trump-Era DHS Chief's Immigration Bond Rule Fails In Court**, Rae Varona, August 11, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another Trump-era immigration policy promulgated by former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf fell by the wayside, after a California federal judge vacated administrative hurdles imposed on surety companies that wish to challenge the government's determinations that noncitizens have breached their bond conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Biden administration abolishes ICE labor union**, Stephen Dinan, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration delivered a death sentence Thursday to the labor organization that represents thousands of employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Federal Labor Relations Authority's decision erases the National ICE Council and leaves its 7,600 members, mostly deportation officers, without a collective bargaining agreement or union representation, members said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **U.S. consumer watchdog considers crackdown on collection of consumer information**, David Shepardson, August 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. consumer watchdog agency said on Thursday that it will consider rules to better protect Americans' privacy and crack down on businesses that collect far-reaching personal information without consumers' full understanding. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a notice that it is considering writing rules to address lax data security and commercial surveillance, which is the "business of collecting, analyzing, and profiting from information about people." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#)

Law360: **UnitedHealth, Change Turn Trial Gaze To Horizontal Overlap**, Bryan Koenig, August 12, 2022, 12:03 AM

UnitedHealth Group and Change Healthcare countered Justice Department allegations that their proposed merger threatens direct competition in the claims processing sector by arguing at the D.C. federal court that their plan to divest an insurance claims technology business addresses the DOJ's concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Author, Agents Say Advances Only Part Of Puzzle**, Matthew Perlman, August 11, 2022, 10:27 PM

A nonfiction author and several agents told a D.C. federal judge on Thursday that there's more to negotiating a book deal than landing the largest possible advance, while throwing cold water on the government's fears over the merger of Penguin Random House and Simon

& Schuster. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: **A looming test for tech antitrust battles**, Richard Waters, August 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The idea that your robot vacuum cleaner could suck up data about your home and send it back to Amazon might strike some people as creepy. If that happened, would Alexa start suggesting you buy a new rug when the old one wears out, or recommend a better way to arrange your furniture? Whether this would also be a threat to competition in the nascent home automation market, however, is an altogether different question. Separating those two issues has become of critical importance as regulators in the US break new ground in antitrust enforcement, with data very much at the center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: **FBI Director: Attacks on FBI integrity erode respect for rule of law**, Costas Pitas, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

Attacks on the FBI's integrity erode respect for the rule of law, its director said on Thursday after an armed man tried to breach its building in Ohio and following criticism from some Republicans over a raid on Donald Trump's Florida home. "Unfounded attacks on the integrity of the FBI erode respect for the rule of law and are a grave disservice to the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect others," Christopher Wray said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: **OnlyFans model charged for fatally stabbing her boyfriend 'without justification' in April**, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An OnlyFans and social media model was arrested in Hawaii on Wednesday and is being charged in the April death of her boyfriend, whom she admitted to police she stabbed. [...] The Hawaii County Police Department said she was arrested on the big island of Hawaii on Wednesday, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Authorities used an [sic] warrant issued by Miami-Dade County, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: **Car crash in Wyoming leads to huge meth bust at Santa Clara warehouse**, Summer Lin, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

A car crash in Wyoming last month led federal agents across state lines to a Santa Clara warehouse believed to be used as a methamphetamine cooking and conversion site. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration raided a Santa Clara warehouse on Aug. 3, in the 600 block of Martin Avenue, where they found a laboratory believed to be an "active methamphetamine conversion site," according to court filings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Cause of Indiana house explosion that killed 3 and damaged 39 homes still undetermined, authorities say**, Claudia Dominguez and Michelle Watson, August 11, 2022, 9:19 PM

The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [...] Search and rescue teams will be allowed back into the area once utilities are secured and the ATF determines its part of the investigation is over, Connelly said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **'We have a problem': New ATF director takes agency's reins as country confronts a rise in violent crime**, Devan Cole, Josh Campbell and Anna-Maja Rappard,

August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

The new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took the agency's helm last month at a time when gun violence and extremism are on the rise, putting him among a handful of top federal officials tasked with preventing and responding to high-profile incidents of violent crime rocking the nation. "I think the first thing we need to do is to be honest about the fact that we have a problem," Steve Dettelbach, the ATF's first Senate-approved leader in seven years, told CNN in an interview this week. "I will tell you, it's gotten more bold, more brazen and more violent." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

East Bay Times: U.S. Department of Justice reverses course, won't seek execution of alleged Sureño accused of three murders, Nate Gartrell, August 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

More than two years after indicating they would seek death against an alleged Bay Area gang member charged with murdering three people, federal prosecutors have reversed course, filing court papers that say execution is no longer on the table. In December 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice indicated that Michael "Gallo" Rebolledo, 33, would be the lone defendant to face a potential death sentence out of 10 alleged Sureño gang members charged with a total of seven murder counts and several other shootings. In a court document reversing the decision, filed July 12, prosecutors didn't state the reason death is no longer being sought. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: Supreme Court Denies Coinbase's Request to Block Customer Lawsuits, Vicky Ge Huang, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase Global's request for emergency intervention in two lawsuits filed by angry customers. Earlier this month, Coinbase asked the court to block a pair of lawsuits and send the cases to arbitration. Federal judges in California had refused the company's demand for the disputes to be heard in arbitration. Coinbase wrote in the filings that the company would suffer "irreparable harm" if the Supreme Court allowed the lawsuits to proceed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Supreme Court to hear case that could end 40 years of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, Haley Chi-Sing, August 11, 2022, 11:30 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear one of two cases on Oct. 31 that could dismantle the 40-year precedent of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, with universities now urging the court to preserve the decision despite some expert opinion to the contrary. Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President & Fellows of Harvard College is one of two cases to come before the Supreme Court urging it to eliminate race as an admissions factor and, as a result, overturn the precedent case, Grutter v. Bollinger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Cherry-picked history: Reva Siegel on "living originalism" in Dobbs, Angie Gou, August 11, 2022, 4:57 PM

"Dobbs is the product of originalism," Reva Siegel, professor of law at Yale University, said last month. Few legal scholars would disagree. But for Siegel, the more interesting question is what originalism means in practice — and how it led to the elimination of the constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Siegel explored those issues during the 18th Robert H. Jackson Lecture, an annual event featuring Supreme Court experts hosted by the Chautauqua

Institution. This year's lecture occurred on July 11 and was recently posted online. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

The Hill: **Biden's new challenge is FBI's Trump search**, Morgan Chalfant and Amie Parnes, August 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The White House has a new messaging challenge on its hands: Donald Trump. President Biden, wary of appearing to influence the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the former president, doesn't want to talk about the FBI search earlier this week at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Morning Joe: **[VIDEO] White House Not Directing DOJ Investigation In 'Any way,' Says Adviser**, Joe Scarborough, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

White House Senior Adviser Anita Dunn discusses the July inflation numbers, the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago and why she says the White House is not directing the DOJ's investigation into Trump in any way. Dunn also discusses President Biden's signing of the PACT Act for veterans. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Biden tries to tread carefully after FBI searches Trump's home**, Naomi Lim, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

President Joe Biden's relationship with the Justice Department has become more complicated after the FBI enforced a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and office in Florida. With presidential son Hunter Biden under scrutiny by federal law enforcement officials, the White House has from the start aimed to keep a healthy distance from the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. The situation grew thornier after the FBI's Aug. 9 search of Trump's Palm Beach estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Insider: **Republicans may have shot themselves in the foot by hammering the DOJ to release the Mar-a-Lago search warrant**, Camila DeChalus, Sonam Sheth, August 11, 2022, 8:37 PM

Former President Donald Trump's allies have spent this week clamoring for the Justice Department to release details from its search warrant for Mar-a-Lago and other supporting documentation. Now, it looks like they might get what they asked for. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday at a news conference that the Justice Department has filed a motion to unseal portions of the warrant following Trump's "public confirmation of the search." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

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- The Department of Justice has asked a federal court to unseal the search warrant the FBI used to search the Florida home of former President Donald Trump. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say a heavily armed man in Ohio attempted to breach an FBI field office this morning, leading to a shootout. The attack comes after the FBI's search at Mar-a-Lago prompted anti-law enforcement rhetoric and calls for violence. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The average price for a gallon of regular gas has dipped below \$4 for the first time in five months. The relief stems from an increase in global oil supply and a decrease in fuel demand. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC has updated its COVID guidance to loosen a number of its health recommendations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Firefighters in France are battling raging wildfires near Bordeaux, fueled by one of Europe's worst droughts in centuries during a historic heatwave that has killed thousands. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Heavy fighting is again raging around Europe's largest nuclear plant, with Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of shelling the facility. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly one year after the US withdrawal from Kabul, Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan with more on what's changed in the country now that the Taliban is firmly in control. [[ABC](#)]
- A non-profit farm outside Kansas City is growing more than just crops in its field, it's also showing how boys can grow into responsible men by teaching them the importance of teamwork and the great outdoors. [[CBS](#)]
- When someone comes into a hospital and alleges abuse, forensic nurses traditionally look for signs of bruising with the naked eye. However, because pigment in darker skin is closer to the skin's surface than the bruise, they may see nothing. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Garland asks court to unseal warrant for Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker And Michael Balsamo, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Justice Department is asking a federal court to unseal the warrant the FBI used to search the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald Trump, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, acknowledging extraordinary public interest in the case about classified records. The request is striking because such documents traditionally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the Justice Department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what prompted Monday's action at the former president's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Garland Calls Trump's Bluff as Justice Department Moves to Unseal Warrant, Charlie Savage,

August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Thursday called former President Donald J. Trump's bluff. Ever since the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at Mr. Trump's Florida residence on Monday, Mr. Trump and his supporters have been portraying the search as baseless and politically motivated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Here are the main takeaways from Garland's statement on the Mar-a-Lago search, Glenn Thrush , August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

All week, former President Donald J. Trump's allies pressed Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to explain the basis for the search warrant federal agents had executed at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and he refused to break the silence he wears like his unwrinkled, federal blue suit. On Thursday, Mr. Garland finally responded, summoning the news media to a seventh-floor briefing room at the headquarters of the Justice Department to offer a public rationale. The new information he provided was extremely limited, and largely dependent on whether Mr. Trump's lawyers choose to block the release of the warrant and other documents sealed by a federal judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago, George F. Will, August 11, 2022, 6:39 PM

After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he did not have "a political bone" in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately. His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland's surprise announcement calls the Trump-GOP bluff, Paul Waldman and Greg Sargent, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

Since Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort was searched by FBI agents, Republicans have relentlessly attacked the bureau, the Justice Department and Attorney General Merrick Garland for conducting a supposed political vendetta. Unfortunately, too often the press has allowed their baseless accusations to pollute this story, so a bizarre inversion of reality has been given nearly equal weight with known facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland is no gambler. My bet is he's acting on more than a hunch, Michael Gerson, August 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago has created a logical tension at the center of American political life. An attorney general known for prudence and the restoration of norms has acted in bold and unprecedented fashion. If the FBI has been used as an instrument of political harassment as some Republican leaders allege, without evidence then former judge Merrick Garland has become Mr. Hyde. Or, in the typically restrained Republican translation, a Nazi. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Esquire](#), [HuffPo](#), [New Republic](#)

ABC: Garland puts pressure back on Trump as GOP targets Justice: The Note, Rick Klein, Averi Harper, and Alisa Wiersema, August 12, 2022, 6:06 AM

For those inclined to think Attorney General Merrick Garland is playing chess to counter former President Donald Trump's checkers, consider how much easier it is to win at checkers. Consider as well the extraordinary challenge Garland threw back to Trump and not just with the decision his legal team now faces Friday about whether to stand in the way of public release of the search warrant and list of items seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] FBI weaponized by Biden Justice Department in campaign against Trump, Michael R. Pompeo, August 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

On Monday night, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials raided former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago after following through on a search warrant. In so doing, a federal government agency undertook the most severe and egregious action against a former president in the history of our country. This raid goes far beyond an alleged need to recover documents and return them to the National Archives.

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Fox: Trump lawyer slams Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago:

'Pathetic presser', Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Attorney for former President Donald Trump Christina Bobb reacted to Attorney General Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI's raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on "The Ingraham Angle." CHRISTINA BOBB: This is what the Democrats do. They don't have any good reason for doing what they did. The pathetic presser that Merrick Garland held for three minutes was insufficient, so they had to create fear. Normally, they should come out with exactly what happened, and why, and explain themselves and if it was a good reason, they would have solid ground. They are not on solid ground. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for AG search warrant for

Unabomber's cabin: Former FBI official, Joshua Comins, August 11, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former FBI deputy assistant director of counterterrorism Terry Turchie said Attorney General Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for a search warrant for the Unabomber's cabin on Thursday's "Jesse Watters Primetime." "I've never said this publicly, but I'll just tell you right now because it just sickens me to watch and listen to Merrick Garland, because Merrick Garland was in charge of the prosecution at DOJ of the Unabomber," Turchie said. "And I have to tell you something: He would not recommend to the AG that our search warrant to get into Theodore Kaczynski's cabin be approved." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: DOJ bets its future on how it handles the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Ryan J. Reilly, August 11, 2022, 10:11 PM

In approving the unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Justice Department leaders have bet the house on their handling of an investigation that will have sweeping implications for the future of both federal law enforcement and American democracy. Monday's hourslong search of Trump's Florida resort in connection with an investigation into classified documents that Trump is alleged to have kept on the property will reverberate in American politics for the foreseeable future. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC, The Last Word: [VIDEO] 'Merrick Garland Has Outsmarted Donald Trump At Every Turn',

Lawrence O'Donnell, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell explains how Attorney General Garland "has handled the most important week of his life flawlessly" and says "Donald Trump has no idea what to say now with Merrick Garland closing in on him." [\[Watch\]](#)

ABC: Congressional Republicans call Garland's remarks on Mar-a-Lago search insufficient, Tal

Axelrod, August 11, 2022, 6:10 PM

Congressional Republicans were quick to pan Merrick Garland's Thursday remarks on the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago -- calling the attorney general's comments insufficient and insisting the Justice Department release more information behind the unprecedented raid even as Garland said he wants the search warrant unsealed. But GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department's motion to unseal parts of the warrant would not cut it, demanding that more information behind the search's genesis was needed given the gravity of the operation at a former president's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland praised for ‘speaking up’ as DOJ moves to make FBI Mar-a-Lago search details public, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

Donald Trump could reveal the details of the FBI Mar-a-Lago search right now, but he has not, leaving the dangling question of, "why?" Now, the Department of Justice is moving to make that information public. We also bring you fresh reporting on a subpoena from this past spring concerning sensitive documents the FBI believed Trump was still improperly holding. Dr. Jason Johnson in for Joy Reid and our panel of experts analyze this developing story on The ReidOut on MSNBC. [\[Watch\]](#)

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Warrant, FBI Office Attacked, New CDC COVID Guidance, August 12, 2022, 5:52 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has requested that the Mar-a-Lago search warrant be made public (1:16). Violent rhetoric from the GOP fueled an attack on the Cincinnati FBI office (5:47). The CDC relaxes COVID-19 guidance signaling a new phase of the pandemic (9:38). [\[Listen\]](#)

Politico: [OPINION] Why it took so long for Merrick Garland to go public, Myah Ward, August 11, 2022, 7:59 PM

Merrick Garland has broken his silence. In a five-minute afternoon presser, the attorney general revealed that he personally approved of the decision to execute the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on Monday, and announced the Department of Justice’s decision to unseal portions of the warrant. The move comes after three days of wall-to-wall media coverage and a massive outcry from Republicans who have demanded more information about the search and why it was necessary. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsday: [EDITORIAL] Garland's position makes plain sense, Editorial Board, August 11, 2022, 7:42 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland’s terse but strong statement on Thursday regarding the search of former President Donald Trump’s estate in Florida brought a brief and timely glimpse of light to a muddled situation created by the former commander-in-chief himself. Yes, Garland approved the warrant for federal agents to search Mar-a-Lago. No, the former federal appeals court judge did not take this measure involving a former president lightly. And he made it clear that he won’t abide by “unfounded attacks” on the FBI and Justice Department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Merrick Garland calls Trump’s bluff, Kyle Cheney and Meridith McGraw, August 11, 2022, 7:11 PM

Donald Trump and his allies spent days pounding the Justice Department for executing a search warrant at the former president’s Mar-a-Lago estate, whipping supporters into a frenzy and exploiting DOJ’s characteristic secrecy by telling their own versions of events. Some even developed a rallying cry as they attacked the department: Release the warrant! [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Judicial group launches ads claiming Democrats endanger Supreme Court justices, Alex Swoyer, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

A conservative judicial group launched a \$10 million ad campaign this week claiming that Democrats are endangering Supreme Court justices, and is targeting Attorney General Merrick Garland in its first ad. Judicial Crisis Network’s first cable and digital ad will launch Thursday in the Washington, D.C., market. It claims that Mr. Garland cowered to a “woke mob” by refusing to enforce federal laws against protesting in front of a justice’s home as an attempt to obstruct justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Ex-cop sentenced to more than 7 years in prison for role in storming U.S. Capitol, Sarah N. Lynch, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A former Virginia police sergeant who joined Donald Trump's supporters in storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison on Thursday, a Justice Department spokesperson said. A jury in April convicted Thomas Robertson, a former police sergeant for the town of Rocky Mount, Virginia, of six criminal charges, including obstructing an official proceeding and obstruction of justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

Bloomberg: [OPINION] Bolton Plot Should Be a Warning on Iran Nuclear Talks, Bobby Ghosh, August 11, 2022, 8:27 PM

The Iranian regime has a long, dishonorable history of assassination plots against dissidents and detractors abroad, but commissioning a hit against a former US national security adviser represents a raising of the bar in brazenness. The revelation that a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps attempted to have John Bolton murdered on American soil, at that should serve as a sobering reminder for President Joe Biden of Tehran's depravity as he contemplates making a deal that will both enrich and embolden those behind the plot. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#)

WSJ: Man Who Brandished Rifle at Cincinnati FBI Office Killed in Standoff, Ben Kesling and Sadie Gurman, August 11, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man armed with a rifle tried to break into the security screening area of the FBI's Cincinnati field office before fleeing the scene and being killed in a gunbattle with police, officials said. The man attempted to breach the screening area at the office Thursday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. His entry set off an alarm, and armed agents responded. He first fired a nail gun at law enforcement, then brandished an AR-15-style rifle before fleeing in a Ford Crown Victoria, according to law enforcement officials. He was reportedly wearing body armor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WTGS (Hardeeville, SC): Iraqi man sentenced to federal prison for attempting to smuggle guns through Savannah: DOJ, Parker Fluke, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Iraqi national has been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of attempting to smuggle guns through the Port of Savannah, according to a release from the US Dept. of Justice. U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia David Estes said Nihad Al Jaber, 43, of Clarkston, received a sentence of 94 months in prison. His charges included smuggling, failure to notify a common carrier and submitting false or misleading export information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Detailed accusations of Secret Service impeding Jan 6 investigation were scrapped from report to Congress, Whitney Wild and Zachary Cohen, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A memo detailing how federal investigators believed the Secret Service was impeding them from obtaining key information about the agency's response to January 6, 2021, was significantly altered to remove reference to nearly all those efforts before a final report was presented to lawmakers in June. The memo's original language contained detailed descriptions from the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office of the multiple ways the Secret Service stalled the watchdog's investigation into the agency's actions before and during the Capitol riot, including erasing text messages from that day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [Politico](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump calls for ‘immediate’ release of Mar-a-Lago warrant, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 12, 2022, 12:20 AM

Former President Donald Trump called late Thursday for the “immediate” release of the federal warrant the FBI used to search his Florida estate, hours after the Justice Department had asked a court to unseal the warrant, with Attorney General Merrick Garland citing the “substantial public interest in this matter.” In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, “Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents.” He continued to assail the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago as “unAmerican, unwarranted and unnecessary.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapotosky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys, a state attorney general and the Justice Department. Authorities are looking into Trump and his family business for a medley of possible wrongdoing, including his actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol and how he valued his various assets for loan and tax purposes. The probes threaten Trump with criminal or financial penalties, or plain old public embarrassment, as he remains a dominant presence in his party and weighs a 2024 bid to return to the White House. Here’s a list of the key investigations and where they stand. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: FBI searched Trump’s home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris , August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump’s Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Forbes](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WaPo: How agents get warrants like the one used at Mar-a-Lago, and what they mean, Perry Stein, August 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

FBI agents executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump’s Florida home on Monday, taking about a dozen boxes of material after opening a safe and entering a padlocked storage area. Trump and his allies have denounced the search as unlawful and politically motivated but provided no evidence to back that up and have refused to share a copy of the warrant with the public. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Media outlets file motion to unseal entirety of DOJ’s records to search Mar-a-Lago, Jared Gans, August 11, 2022, 8:41 PM

A group of four major media companies filed a motion on Thursday to unseal all court documents related to the search warrant that the FBI executed at former President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago property on Monday. The Washington Post, CNN, NBC News and E.W. Scripps Company filed the motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to ask for documents pertaining to the search warrant, including the search warrants themselves, the warrant application, “all probable cause affidavits filed in support of the search warrant” and any motion to seal the “warrant-related records”, among other things. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: Trump talked his way into DOJ requesting release of records from Mar-a-Lago search,

Sonam Sheth, C. Ryan Barber, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday asked a federal judge to unseal the search warrant and other records related to the raid of Mar-a-Lago, the South Florida home and members-only club of former President Donald Trump. At a press conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department had taken the unusual step "in light of the former president's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter." The attorney general also confirmed that he personally signed off on the pursuit of a warrant to search Trump's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Dad gets home detention for bribing Georgetown coach, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Pennsylvania man who pleaded guilty to bribing a Georgetown University tennis coach to get his daughter into the school was sentenced Thursday to about a month in home detention. Robert Repella, a former pharmaceutical executive, agreed to pay then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst at least \$120,000 to have his daughter designated as a tennis recruit for the Washington D.C. university, prosecutors said.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [Law360](#),

Bloomberg: US Capitol's '600 Rooms' Spurred Subpoena Confusion, Ex-Trump Aide Says in Jan. 6 Case, Sabrina Willmer, August 11, 2022, 11:14 AM

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is arguing in his criminal contempt case that a subpoena left out the room in which he was to testify before the US House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The Capitol building has 600 rooms and the subpoena didn't specify which one, Navarro's lawyer John Rowley said at a hearing Thursday in federal court in Washington. He added that the panel later changed the site of the deposition to a different building altogether. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tulsa World: Grove man pleads guilty to a 2019 Delaware County homicide, Ashley Jones, August 11, 2022, 10:30 PM

One out of three family members charged with murdering a man and shooting a woman in Delaware County has pleaded guilty to lesser charges. Cody Dwayne Buzzard, 28, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in Indian Country and to brandishing and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courier (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA): Man injured in 2020 gunfight sentenced on gun charges, Jeff Reinitz, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man who was shot in the chest during a 2020 gunfight in Waterloo has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Judge C.J. Williams sentenced Chad Edward Lee, 20, to up to eight years and four months in federal prison during a Thursday hearing in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Orlando Sentinel: Clermont cheerleading coach indicted for sexually assaulting minors he trained, DOJ says, Amanda Rabines, August 11, 2022, 8:50 PM

The Clermont cheerleading coach who was arrested at his Winter Garden home for allegedly sexually assaulting minors he trained is facing a possible life sentence after being indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida. Vigiland D'Haiti, 40, has been charged with one count of possessing images and videos of children being sexually exploited, one count of production of child sexual abuse images and videos, and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Baltimore Sun: After receiving time served in city, Baltimore arsonist sentenced in federal court to 12 years for setting fire to ex-girlfriend's home, Jessica Anderson, August 11, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Baltimore man who received a controversial sentence last year in the city for setting his ex-girlfriend's home on fire was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison. Luther Moody Trent, 22, pleaded guilty in June to one count of malicious destruction in connection to a blaze at his ex-girlfriend's house where she and two others were inside. Trent admitted to pouring gasoline on her rowhouse at 1900 Linden Ave. on May 21, 2021, and lighting it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez sentenced to 19.5 years in prison for killing crew mate with knife and hammer off coast of Massachusetts, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

A scalloping ship crewmember who attacked three co-workers, killing one, was sentenced in Boston federal court Thursday to 19 and a half years in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2018 incident off the coast of Massachusetts, officials said. Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to 235 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, the United States Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Tennessean (Nashville, TN): Former T.J. Martel Foundation VP Melissa Goodwin faces prison time in embezzlement scheme, Molly Davis, August 11, 2022, 5:51 PM

Melissa Goodwin was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling more than \$3.7 million from the T.J. Martel Foundation for Cancer Research, U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced Thursday. Goodwin worked as the executive vice president and general manager of the foundation. She was charged with wire fraud earlier this year and pleaded guilty to devising and operating a scheme to defraud the foundation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): Vancouver man pleads guilty to federal charge of mail fraud, Becca Robbins, August 11, 2022, 5:15 PM

A Vancouver man pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with a Ponzi scheme that defrauded 32 investors of \$4.3 million. Charles Richard Burgess, 66, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 4 in U.S. District Court in Tacoma. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charging information, filed Aug. 4, states that between 1995 and April 2021, Burgess sold investments in an unregistered investment vehicle that he called "the pool." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Connecticut man Syed I. Bokhari ordered to forfeit \$2.1M, sentenced to one year of probation for selling wholesale tobacco to Mass. residents, Tom Matthews, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Connecticut man who sold wholesale tobacco over the internet to Massachusetts residents was recently ordered to forfeit \$2.1M for his role in tobacco trafficking, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Syed I. Bokhari, 57, was sentenced to one year of probation Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge Mark G. Mastroianni in federal court in Springfield for violating the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act. Prosecutors recommended a sentence of 18 months in prison, officials said. He pleaded guilty on April 19. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWLP-NBC/CW \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

Providence Journal: U.S. Attorney: Pawtucket man videotaped kidnapping of man believed to be police informant, Jack Perry, August 11, 2022, 4:45 PM

On Wednesday, a Pawtucket man pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges and admitted his role in the violent kidnapping of a man he and others mistakenly believed had been cooperating with police, law-enforcement officials in Massachusetts announced. Anthony Basilici, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count

of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, victim or informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: **Pasadena man, 21, pleads guilty to federal child pornography charge**, Dan Belson, August 11, 2022, 4:37 PM

A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to a child pornography possession charge, admitting that he used file sharing services to collect and distribute images of sexual abuse. The charges against Raymond Martin Shamer III, of Pasadena, stem from a Department of Homeland Security investigation into the former Massachusetts Maritime Academy student's social media accounts, which authorities said he used to upload and share child pornography files. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Brooklyn Man Charged for Fraudulently Entering New Jersey Laboratory, Destroying, Stealing Equipment**, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:44 PM

A Brooklyn, New York man was arrested today for allegedly entering a laboratory business on false pretenses and destroying and stealing that business' equipment, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Eric Leykin, 31, of Brooklyn, New York, is charged by complaint with wire fraud and accessing a protected computer without authorization and recklessly causing damage [[Continue Reading](#)]

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Bergen County Man Charged with Distributing Heroin**, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:33 PM

A Bergen County man was charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute heroin, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Esmelby Estevez-Castillo, 35, of Ridgefield Park, was arraigned on August 10, 2022, and pleaded not guilty. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Mahwah, NJ\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Camden County Man Sentenced to Five Years for Deploying Homemade Explosive at Local Fitness Center**, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 2:10 PM

A Camden County man was sentenced to five years in prison for setting off a homemade bomb at a fitness center, U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Dwayne Vandergrift, 40, of Gloucester City, previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with malicious use of explosive materials. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [New Jersey Advance Media](#), [Patch \(Gloucester Township, NJ\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Newark Men Among Four Charged with Distributing Fentanyl, Money Laundering in the Ironbound Section**, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:48 PM

Four New Jersey men were charged for their alleged roles in drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracies, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. Federal officials said Mr. William Panzera, 49, of North Haledon, Mr. Thomas Padovano, 48, and Mr. Bartholomew Padovano, 71, both of Newark; and Sean Tighe, 46, of Kearny, New Jersey, are each charged in a second superseding indictment with one count of drug trafficking conspiracy and one count of international promotional money laundering conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Newark, NJ\)](#), [WRIC-ABC \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **Bessemer kingpin sentenced to life in federal prison for leading multi-million-dollar drug enterprise**, Carol Robinson, August 11, 2022, 11:05 AM

A Bessemer man convicted under the federal drug "Kingpin" statute has been sentenced to life in prison. Rolando Antuain Williamson, aka "Baldhead" and "Ball Head," was found guilty in April.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KEPR-CBS (Pasco, WA): Kennewick drug trafficker sentenced to ten years in federal prison, Sasha Terry, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

On August 11th, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, Vanessa R. Waldref announced that 30-year-old Aurelio James Gonzalez of Kennewick has been sentenced in federal court in Spokane for two counts of Distribution of Methamphetamine. Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced Gonzales to a total of 120 months in federal prison and ordered Gonzales to serve a five-year term of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): ‘Horrendous’: Former Fort Campbell soldier, wife sentenced for child pornography crimes, Stephanie Langston, August 11, 2022, 9:39 PM

Disturbing, unthinkable images shared between a former Fort Campbell soldier and his wife landed the couple in federal prison. On Wednesday, Kara Adkins was sentenced to more than 20 years and Robert Adkins was sentenced to 10 years for child pornography crimes. Robert Adkins was an automated logistical specialist. He was a staff sergeant and served approximately 16 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTVC-ABC \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): Penitas Mayor pleaded guilty to fraud, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 8:31 PM

The mayor of Penitas pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with the La Joya Independent School District, a release states. Rodrigo Lopez, 38 of Penitas, admitted that in 2018 he aided and abetted the La Joya ISD athletic director in committing fraud against the district. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KRGV-ABC \(Weslaco, TX\)](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Des Moines identity thief indicted for bank fraud on the run; stole more than \$100K over 3 years, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:12 PM

A 48-year-old Des Moines woman is being sought by law enforcement after escaping from federal agents when they tried to arrest her Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Nick Brown’s office announced. Jennifer Suazo, also known as Jennifer Esperanza, was indicted by a grand jury for five counts of bank fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Man sentenced for threatening public officials in Norfolk, Dina Weinstein, August 11, 2022, 8:09 PM

A New York man was sentenced today to more than nine years in federal prison for mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and to a federal prosecutor, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, 29-year-old Brock Beeman sent multiple threatening letters from prison to government employees associated with a separate criminal prosecution of Beeman in Norfolk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNDU-NBC (Richland, WA): Federal jury indicts Toppenish woman on drug trafficking charges, Karlee Van de Venter, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal grand jury has charged Susen Ann Gorst, 34-year-old woman from Toppenish, with possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. Gorst was being investigated for fentanyl dealing by the Yakama Nation Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The agencies started surveilling the El Corral Motel after allegations were made that Gorst sold fentanyl there, according to a criminal complaint from August 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Felon convicted of selling fentanyl in downtown Seattle, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 6:59 PM

A 31-year-old man was convicted Thursday for selling fentanyl pills in downtown Seattle. The Seattle U.S. District Court convicted Kendall Alston of possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm, and Alston also plead guilty to two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, one of them in connection to a Jan. 2022 shoplifting arrest in Bellevue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPTV-Fox (Portland, OR): Florida man convicted of sexually abusing an Oregon child, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 6:43 PM

A Federal jury in Portland found a Florida man guilty of sexually abusing an Oregon child and sharing a video of the abuse online, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon on Thursday. "In trials involving the sexual abuse of children, jurors are tasked with taking in and reviewing a horrendous set of facts," said Natalie Wight, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. "In this case, the young witness took the stand to tell the jury the details of what happened in her own words. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Las Vegas man charged for running Ponzi scheme that bilked Northern Ohioans, others out of a combined \$8.5 million, Justin McMullen, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Las Vegas sports bettor was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud for running what the U.S. Department of Justice called a Ponzi scheme that defrauded approximately 72 victims, including many in Northern Ohio, out of more than \$8.5 million. Matthew J. Turnipseede, 49, allegedly promised investors in four of his companies double-digit returns, telling them that their money would generate profits through "sophisticated sports wagers" made with the help of an algorithm, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio's office said in a release announcing the charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Parma man charged with helping set fire to parking booth during 2020 riots in Downtown Cleveland, Tyler Carey, August 11, 2022, 5:27 PM

A Parma man is facing federal charges for his alleged role in the infamous Downtown Cleveland riots from more than two years ago. Seth Calig, 49, is accused of helping a group set fire to a parking booth back on May 30, 2020. Specifically, the Department of Justice alleges Calig used a lighter to ignite a roll of paper towels before placing the flaming object inside the structure on West 3rd Street, while others looked on. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KWCH-CBS (Wichita, KS): Greeley man convicted of defrauding VA for disability benefits, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:26 PM

A federal jury on Thursday, Aug. 11, convicted a Kansas veteran for defrauding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) out of disability benefits. A news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office said the jury convicted 53-year-old Bruce Hay, of Greeley, of wire fraud and theft of government funds in charges related to the scheme. Court documents and evidence presented at trial showed Hay "fraudulently misrepresented and exaggerated the extent of symptoms related to a purported conversion disorder diagnosis to receive VA disability benefits to which he was not entitled." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): Apopka man sentenced for 7-Eleven robbery, identity theft, Anthony Talcott, August 11, 2022, 5:18 PM

A 31-year-old Apopka man was sentenced Thursday to seven years and six months in federal prison in connection with a 7-Eleven robbery and identity theft, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Officials said Jarvis Jackson, 31, robbed a 7-Eleven store in Apopka in February 2021, wearing a black ski mask and handing a clerk a note that read, "Give All Money Out Register and \$30 Scratch Offs enter roll. I Have a Gun."

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WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Georgia man sentenced after threatening to blow up New York IRS office, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced in federal court after admitting to his threats to blow up an IRS office in New York. According to the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office, Benjamin Stasko, 34, of St. Simons Island, posted a comment on a federal agency's website on July 6th, 2020, alleging that a pipe bomb had been planted as a threat towards the IRS in the Ted Weiss Federal Building in New York, New York.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

WVT-ABC (Binghamton, NY): Man sentenced in scheme to sell info stolen from NYSDOL, Sara Rizzo, August 11, 2022, 4:49 PM

A man has been sentenced for his role in a scheme to sell information illegally taken from the New York State Department of Labor. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) said Guy Cuomo, also known as "John Monaco," 54, of Fredrick, Maryland, was sentenced to 3 years and 9 months in prison. In November 2021, Cuomo was found guilty of computer fraud, misuse of a social security number, aggravated identity theft, and related conspiracy charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Lee's Summit man sentenced for 4 bank robberies in 2 weeks, Heidi Schmidt, August 11, 2022, 4:34 PM

A Lee's Summit man will spend 15-years in prison for robbing four banks. Joseph, P. Hall, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of bank robbery in January. He admitted stealing \$7,025 from a Raytown Bank of America branch on June 2, 2021. He also admitted he robbed Great Southern Bank in Lee's Summit the next day.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KSHB-NBC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

KOLO-ABC (Reno, NV): Nevada woman charged with falsifying records appears in court Thursday, Kevin Sheridan, August 11, 2022, 4:22 PM

A Nevada woman charged with obstruction of justice by falsifying records will make her initial court appearance in New Jersey on Thursday. Anna Kline is charged with one count of falsifying records in a federal investigation. She was arrested on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): Documents: Felon gets 18 months for escape from federal custody, Jana Garrett, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

Glynn Petticord, 51, of Evansville, was sentenced to eighteen months in federal prison after pleading guilty to escaping from federal custody. According to court documents, Petticord was sentenced to 156 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Documents say towards the end of his sentence, Petticord was transferred to a residential reentry center in Evansville. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man charged with unlicensed dealing in firearms: attorney, Avery Van Etten, August 11, 2022, 3:54 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted Wednesday on allegations that he purchased guns for other people and engaged in unlicensed dealing in firearms. Johvaughan Young, 23, allegedly purchased 13 handguns between June 30, 2020, and Sept. 14, 2021, that he said for were himself when they actually were not, according to a release from United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): York man indicted for assaulting post office coworkers, James Wesser, August 11, 2022, 3:39 PM

The US Attorney's office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a York man has been indicted on assault charges. According to a release, 34-year-old Christopher Moody was indicted on assault charges from an incident that occurred on Dec. 10, 2020, where Moody assaulted two of his fellow postal employees causing bodily injury. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Woman sentenced for passing bad checks at West Virginia car dealerships, Bailey Brautigan, August 11, 2022, 2:02 PM

A woman was sentenced to one year in prison for a scheme to obtain vehicles from car dealerships in Kentucky and West Virginia. In April, 51-year-old Mindy Turner admitted that she passed a bad check at a car dealership in Louisville, Kentucky in June of 2021 so they could obtain a 2020 Ford Explorer valued at around \$53,000. Court documents say that the two then transported the vehicle to West Virginia and tried to trade it in at a Charleston dealership for a more expensive Ford F-150. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): Alex Friedmann pleads guilty to federal firearms charge, Ethan Illers, August 11, 2022, 12:42 PM

A Nashville man has pleaded guilty to federal charges after he hid weapons in the Davidson County Detention Center, vandalizing the jail in the process. The Department of Justice says 52-year-old Alexander Friedmann pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Man, 53, who terrorized local women on dating apps indicted for cyberstalking, Nicole Sanders, August 11, 2022, 11:09 AM

A 53-year-old man accused of threatening and cyberstalking five people since 2021 has been indicted by a grand jury Wednesday. According to the indictment, Robert Merkle allegedly harassed four people in January and one person in October online. In 2017, he messaged two women expressing desires for violent sexual fantasies. One of the victims met him at a Meet Up group in the Central West End. Angela, who asked to remain anonymous, met him in August at Dressel's. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Monday hearing set for 2 ex-cops in George Floyd's killing, STEVE KARNOWSKI, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

A judge scheduled a hearing for Monday on the "status of plea negotiations" for the two remaining officers awaiting trial on state charges in the killing of George Floyd, with the hearing coming after the judge's window for accepting any deal appears to have closed. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill said in previous orders that he would not accept plea agreements unless they came within a 15-day window after former Officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were sentenced in federal court on separate civil rights charges. Those sentences came down July 27. His orders did not specify business days or calendar days. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: Dallas salon shooting suspect indicted on hate crime charge for allegedly shooting 3 Korean women, Amanda Su, August 11, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon in May was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced. Jeremy Smith, 37, is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault, each with a hate-crime enhancement and punishable by five years to life in prison. He was arrested by Dallas police on May 16 and remains in the county jail with bail set at \$700,000. [...] Texas federal prosecutors, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division partnered for a federal hate crime investigation into Smith.

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Courthouse News: Texas governor must turn over Dropbox files in redistricting case, Stephen Paulsen, August 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has ordered Texas Governor Greg Abbott to turn over documents in an ongoing dispute over proposed election maps in Texas including documents stored online through a Dropbox link. In a lawsuit that started last year, the League of United Latin American Citizens and other civil rights groups allege that new Texas congressional maps "unlawfully dilute the voting strength of Latinos." With around 4 million new residents in the 2020 census, Texas is the only state set to gain two new congressional seats. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

WSJ: Judge Declares Mistrial in Flint Water Crisis Civil Case, Tatal Ansari, August 11, 2022, 8:53 PM

A judge declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors were unable to reach a verdict in a case involving companies that had been hired to help Flint, Mich., fix its water system but were alleged to have instead contributed to the city's lead-tainted water crisis. Multiple Flint residents had sued Veolia North America and Texas-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc., an engineering consulting firm also known as LAN, accusing them of being partially responsible for the water crisis that began in 2014. The civil case, which involved just a few plaintiffs, was seen as a bellwether for possible further litigation, according to legal experts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI, Law360](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Sex Assault Suit Against Former General, Daniel Wilson, August 11, 2022, 7:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed that a former Army colonel could pursue sexual assault allegations against the Pentagon's recently retired second-highest-ranking officer, Gen. John Hyten, saying the colonel's claims could not be considered incident to military service. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Pharmacy, Owner Agree to Pay \$4.1 Million to Resolve Liability, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:35 PM

Philadelphia-based Spivack Inc. previously operating under the name Verree Pharmacy and owner-pharmacist Mitchell Spivack have agreed to pay more than \$4.1 million to resolve forfeiture claims as well as their civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act and False Claims Act, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Federal Medical Injury Lawsuit Jeopardized by Washington Law, Mary Anne Pazanowski, August 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

Washington's drop-dead date for filing medical malpractice lawsuits likely bars a Navy spouse's suit against the federal government because it's substantive and doesn't conflict with federal law, the Ninth Circuit said Thursday. The Federal Tort Claims Act doesn't supplant Washington's statute of repose, which puts an outside limit of eight years, running from the date of the occurrence, on filing medical malpractice claims, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said. The limit applies even if a patient hasn't discovered an injury and its cause, the court said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Springfield News-Leader: Indoor thermostat company connected to Preferred Family Healthcare to pay \$1M, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

After Preferred Family Healthcare paid more than \$8 million in April, a Springfield company affiliated with the nonprofit is paying \$1 million as part of a non-prosecution agreement, according to a Department of Justice

press release. Pro 1 IAQ, Inc., is a Missouri corporation with operations in Springfield and Boulder, Colorado, that designs and sells indoor thermostats nationwide. The corporation signed an agreement that admitted former executive officers engaged in a conspiracy to embezzle funds from Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. from 2008 to November 2017. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KY3 \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Middlesex County Company Admits Undervaluing Merchandise to Avoid Paying U.S. Customs Duties, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 12:58 PM

A Middlesex County company has entered into a settlement agreement with the United States to resolve allegations that it made false statements to avoid paying customs duties, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to the admissions and contentions of the United States in the settlement agreement: Eos Energy Storage LLC (Eos) is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Edison that designs and sells industrial batteries to power companies and other commercial enterprises. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Edison-Metuchen, NJ\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Immigration judge could be replaced over 'stupid' comment, court says, Daniel Wiessner, August 11, 2022, 1:19 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday said a federal immigration board must reconsider disqualifying a judge from a deportation case after she called a Nicaraguan man's claim that he is not fluent in Spanish "stupid" and "laughable." A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applied too high of a bar in finding that the judge's comment did not violate the due process rights of Rodolfo Tinoco Acevedo, a legal permanent resident. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#)

USA Today: 'Make my day': Texas Gov. Abbott challenges NYC Mayor Adams over migrant busing dispute, Natalie Neysa Alund, August 11, 2022, 7:03 PM

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firing back at New York City Mayor Eric Adams after he threatened to send bus loads of New Yorkers to Texas to campaign against Abbott's re-election bid. "I kind of feel like Clint Eastwood. Go ahead, Mayor. Make my day," Abbott publicly declared Wednesday. The dueling politicians have gone back and forth since the Lone Star State began busing migrants from the Texas-Mexico border to the Big Apple on Aug. 5. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Trump-Era DHS Chief's Immigration Bond Rule Fails In Court, Rae Varona, August 11, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another Trump-era immigration policy promulgated by former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf fell by the wayside, after a California federal judge vacated administrative hurdles imposed on surety companies that wish to challenge the government's determinations that noncitizens have breached their bond conditions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Biden administration abolishes ICE labor union, Stephen Dinan, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration delivered a death sentence Thursday to the labor organization that represents thousands of employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Federal Labor Relations Authority's decision erases the National ICE Council and leaves its 7,600 members, mostly deportation officers, without a collective bargaining agreement or union representation, members said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

City News Service: Fentanyl Trafficking on the Rise in San Diego County: Customs and Border Protection, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

Federal authorities said Thursday that fentanyl trafficking and drug seizures are on the rise in the San Diego region, which they described as "an epicenter" of fentanyl trafficking into the United States. Law enforcement in San Diego and Imperial counties seized 5,091 pounds of fentanyl from October of 2021 to this June, which is around 60% of all fentanyl that has been seized at ports of entry across the nation during that same time span, according to statistics released by Border Patrol officials and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [KYMA-NBC \(Yuma, AZ\)](#), [Times of San Diego](#)

Spectrum News: How New York state could help asylum seekers from the southern border in NYC, Susan Arbetter, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

For the past two months, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered asylum seekers and other immigrants who have crossed the border into the U.S. to be bussed to more liberal states like New York, which are struggling to find the capacity to house them. According to Murad Awawdeh, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), the asylum seekers arriving in New York City have sometimes walked thousands of miles to the southern border to find safety and economic opportunity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice (Alexandria, VA): Dulles Airport Officers Seize Over \$95K In Unreported Currency From Travelers, AJ Goldbloom, August 11, 2022, 5:06 PM

Custom and Border Protection officers at Washington Dulles International Airport seized over \$95,000 from recent travelers, officials said. Airport officials stopped a couple headed to Lebanon who surrendered over \$29,000 in unauthorized currency on July 21, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Nonpareil (Council Bluffs, IA): ACLU sues for records in immigration raid in Nebraska, Martha Stoddard, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska has gone to federal court seeking the release of information on the alleged mistreatment of workers rounded up during a 2018 immigration raid in Nebraska. The group filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court Monday after getting no response to a Freedom of Information Act request for more than two years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Mitchell Daily Republic (Mitchell, SD): Border Patrol: Canadian man at center of South Dakota Amber Alert entered U.S. illegally, drove through fence, Hunter Dunteman, August 11, 2022, 12:31 PM

A Canadian man who was at the center of an Amber Alert in South Dakota entered the United States illegally by driving through a fence on the border, federal agents said. Benjamin Moore, 50, of Alberta, Canada, was arrested for possible illegal entry and kidnapping, according to a statement shared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Nashua, NH): Nashua Murder Suspect Reportedly Being Held On Immigration Detainer, Dan Shalin, August 11, 2022, 10:01 AM

The Nashua man charged with killing 34-year-old Julie Graichen last week is being held on an immigration detainer by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), WMUR reported. Miguel Ramirez, 25, was charged with one count of second-degree murder in the death of Graichen, who was found stabbed to death in a Kinsley Street apartment on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): Border Patrol held migrants longer than it should in El Paso, OIG says, Julian Resendiz, August 11, 2022, 9:06 PM

A federal agency says it has complied with the first of four recommendations in an Office of the Inspector

General report stating it held hundreds of migrants in El Paso and New Mexico longer than 72 hours. The OIG report released this week is based on surprise visits to seven El Paso Sector facilities last October. The inspections revealed that the Border Patrol held 493 migrants in custody “longer than specified in the applicable standards,” which generally limit detention to 72 hours.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMUR-ABC (Manchester, NH): Man found not guilty in New Hampshire motorcycle crash trial now in ICE custody in Pennsylvania, KC Downey, August 11, 2022, 6:19 PM

News 9 Investigates has learned that a man found not guilty of causing a crash that killed seven motorcyclists in New Hampshire in 2019 is in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in Pennsylvania. Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 26, a citizen of Ukraine, is being held at the Moshannon Valley ICE Processing Center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, according to the government agency's detainee locator search tool. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: U.S. consumer watchdog considers crackdown on collection of consumer information, David Shepardson, August 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. consumer watchdog agency said on Thursday that it will consider rules to better protect Americans' privacy and crack down on businesses that collect far-reaching personal information without consumers' full understanding. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a notice that it is considering writing rules to address lax data security and commercial surveillance, which is the "business of collecting, analyzing, and profiting from information about people." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#)

Law360: UnitedHealth, Change Turn Trial Gaze To Horizontal Overlap, Bryan Koenig, August 12, 2022, 12:03 AM

UnitedHealth Group and Change Healthcare countered Justice Department allegations that their proposed merger threatens direct competition in the claims processing sector by arguing at the D.C. federal court that their plan to divest an insurance claims technology business addresses the DOJ's concerns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

PYMNTS: FTC Sends \$9.7M in Fee Refunds to LendingClub Customers, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:30 PM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is sending over \$9.7 million in payments to 61,990 customers who the FTC said were charged hidden fees from LendingClub, an FTC press release said. The FTC sued LendingClub in 2018 over the allegations that the company falsely promised loan applicants that they'd get a specific amount without hidden fees. The company, the FTC charged, had deducted hundreds or even thousands of dollars in hidden up-front fees from the loans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Author, Agents Say Advances Only Part Of Puzzle, Matthew Perlman, August 11, 2022, 10:27 PM

A nonfiction author and several agents told a D.C. federal judge on Thursday that there's more to negotiating a book deal than landing the largest possible advance, while throwing cold water on the government's fears over the merger of Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Financial Times: A looming test for tech antitrust battles, Richard Waters, August 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The idea that your robot vacuum cleaner could suck up data about your home and send it back to Amazon might strike some people as creepy. If that happened, would Alexa start suggesting you buy a new rug when

the old one wears out, or recommend a better way to arrange your furniture? Whether this would also be a threat to competition in the nascent home automation market, however, is an altogether different question. Separating those two issues has become of critical importance as regulators in the US break new ground in antitrust enforcement, with data very much at the center. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

AP: US launches process to set Idaho mercury pollution standards, Keith Ridler, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is developing proposed aquatic life water quality standards for mercury pollution in Idaho that could have statewide ramifications. The agency on Wednesday made public a proposed remedy resulting from a federal court's 2021 ruling in a lawsuit by the Portland, Oregon-based Northwest Environmental Advocates and the Boise, Idaho-based Idaho Conservation League. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Ruling clouds future of southeast Alaska king salmon fishery, Gene Johnson, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal court ruling this week has thrown into doubt the future of a valuable commercial king salmon fishery in Southeast Alaska, after a conservation group challenged the government's approval of the harvest as a threat to protected fish and the endangered killer whales that eat them. The ruling, issued Monday by U.S. District Judge Richard Jones in Seattle, said NOAA Fisheries violated the Endangered Species Act and other environmental law when it approved the troll fishery. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Investors Get Second Chance At Cabot Pollution Suit, Jessica Corso, August 11, 2022, 10:18 PM

A Texas federal judge on Wednesday trimmed securities fraud allegations against Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., saying that investors could bring claims the company hid problems with its Pennsylvania fracking operations, leading to criminal charges and allegedly to a stock price drop. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: NM Judge Trims Navajo Farmers' Claims In Gold King MDL, Andrew Westney, August 11, 2022, 8:36 PM

A New Mexico federal judge on Thursday cut some claims and preserved others brought by Navajo farmers and ranchers against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an EPA contractor for noneconomic damages from the 2015 Gold King Mine spill. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Enviro Groups Say Feds Delaying Protecting Prairie Chicken, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has failed to meet a deadline to protect populations of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act, and now faces a lawsuit from green groups over the delay. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: EPA Contemplates Cumulative Impact Guidance for Civil Rights, Stephen Lee, August 11, 2022, 3:26 PM

The EPA is developing a framework to guide how it will consider cumulative impacts as a possible civil rights violation, an agency official said Thursday. Low-income people of color have voiced concerns about cumulative effects of agency decisions because many of their communities have been home to multiple, overlapping pollution sources for decades. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: FBI Director: Attacks on FBI integrity erode respect for rule of law, Costas Pitas, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

Attacks on the FBI's integrity erode respect for the rule of law, its director said on Thursday after an armed man tried to breach its building in Ohio and following criticism from some Republicans over a raid on Donald Trump's Florida home. "Unfounded attacks on the integrity of the FBI erode respect for the rule of law and are a grave disservice to the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect others," Christopher Wray said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: OnlyFans model charged for fatally stabbing her boyfriend 'without justification' in April, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An OnlyFans and social media model was arrested in Hawaii on Wednesday and is being charged in the April death of her boyfriend, whom she admitted to police she stabbed. [...] The Hawaii County Police Department said she was arrested on the big island of Hawaii on Wednesday, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Authorities used an [sic] warrant issued by Miami-Dade County, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Car crash in Wyoming leads to huge meth bust at Santa Clara warehouse, Summer Lin, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

A car crash in Wyoming last month led federal agents across state lines to a Santa Clara warehouse believed to be used as a methamphetamine cooking and conversion site. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration raided a Santa Clara warehouse on Aug. 3, in the 600 block of Martin Avenue, where they found a laboratory believed to be an "active methamphetamine conversion site," according to court filings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Cause of Indiana house explosion that killed 3 and damaged 39 homes still undetermined, authorities say, Claudia Dominguez and Michelle Watson, August 11, 2022, 9:19 PM

The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [...] Search and rescue teams will be allowed back into the area once utilities are secured and the ATF determines its part of the investigation is over, Connelly said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: 'We have a problem': New ATF director takes agency's reins as country confronts a rise in violent crime, Devan Cole, Josh Campbell and Anna-Maja Rappard, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

The new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took the agency's helm last month at a time when gun violence and extremism are on the rise, putting him among a handful of top federal officials tasked with preventing and responding to high-profile incidents of violent crime rocking the nation. "I think the first thing we need to do is to be honest about the fact that we have a problem," Steve Dettelbach, the ATF's first Senate-approved leader in seven years, told CNN in an interview this week. "I will tell you, it's gotten more bold, more brazen and more violent." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Feds, police lacked probable cause to break in, search Pa. home: lawsuit, John Beauge, August 11, 2022, 7:21 PM

A search of a Williamsport home that did not result in any charges has led to a federal lawsuit against the FBI, U.S. Marshals, up to five unnamed city police officers and Agent Tyson Havens of the Lycoming County Narcotics Enforcement Unit. The complaint filed Tuesday in U.S. Middle District Court says officers broke into the home in the 900 block of Memorial Avenue on Aug. 19, 2020, without knocking or announcing their intention while the occupants were sleeping. Officers stormed inside, made threats and pointed guns at people inside the home, including children, according to the lawsuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): **Fugitive arrested in Harrisburg after three-hour standoff**, Becky Metrick, August 11, 2022, 4:54 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, Harrisburg police and other law enforcement officials apprehended a man wanted on multiple felony warrants near 2nd and Forster streets, city spokesman Matt Maisel said. Police closed 2nd Street at Forster on Thursday afternoon around 1:30, and Rahfeek Scott was detained around 4 p.m. in the 800 block of Green Street. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): **5 people arrested after drug bust in Okeechobee**, Monica Magalhaes, August 11, 2022, 11:18 PM

Five people were arrested Thursday after drugs were found inside a home in Okeechobee. Officials said the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, the Special Response Team, and field agents from the DEA executed a search warrant in a home located at 2942 NW 35th Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [WPEC-CBS \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): **U.S. Marshals join search for suspect in Lincoln County shooting that injured 2 children, 1 adult**, Jessica Barnett, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The search for a suspect who shot at a vehicle filled with people in Tennessee before possibly fleeing to Alabama has now gotten the attention of the U.S. Marshals Service. Chief Deputy Joyce McConnell of the Lincoln County (Tenn.) Sheriff's Office said U.S. Marshals were called to help find 42-year-old Brodrick DeWayne Fearn. McConnell said Fearn has also been entered into the National Crime Information Center database, allowing law enforcement agencies across the country to help as well. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids, MI): **DEA brings Operation Engage to West Michigan**, Kyle Kuhns, August 11, 2022, 5:49 PM

On Thursday, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration were in Grand Rapids to discuss multiple efforts going on in West Michigan to regulate controlled substances in communities. One of those efforts is through a program called Operation Engage. The initiative is meant to help raise awareness on local drug threats to reduce substance misuse. It's also meant to help connect the DEA with the communities they serve. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): **One of six suspects in aggravated kidnapping arrested**, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

One of three suspects wanted for an aggravated kidnapping case was arrested. As previously reported by ValleyCentral, on Sunday, July 3, 2022, deputies responded to an aggravated kidnapping at Avenida Katarina in Cameron Park, a release by the Cameron County Sheriff's Office stated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVII-ABC (Amarillo, TX): **2 arrested after 14 pounds of cocaine found in spare tire during traffic stop**, Jamie Burch, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Two people were arrested after a state trooper found 14 pounds of cocaine in the spare tire of a car, according to authorities in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety said a state trooper stopped a Hyundai Elantra around 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday on Interstate 40 in Conway for a traffic violation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): **FBI officials warn of cyber threats, sextortion of Tennessee children**, Conley Grayson Norris, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

Cyber threats and sextortion are global crimes emerging here in Tennessee. Officials with the FBI's Memphis Field Office say children are spending a lot more time on the internet, which makes them more susceptible to

sextortion. They say they are being bombarded with complaints. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMSN-Fox (Madison, WI): US Marshals Service: Man who escaped custody at Milwaukee airport in 2021 arrested in Ohio, Logan Reigstad, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 40-year-old man who escaped custody at Mitchell International Airport in late 2021 was arrested in northern Ohio on Wednesday, the U.S. Marshals Service said Thursday. In a news release, the agency said Robert Johnson, Jr., was arrested after leading law enforcement in Toledo, Ohio, on a chase on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Police: Man found with blasting caps in carry-on at Pittsburgh International Airport, Madeline Bartos, August 11, 2022, 2:47 PM

A man was arrested after police said TSA officers at the Pittsburgh International Airport found two blasting caps in his carry-on bag. [...] Investigators said he was stopped just before 9 a.m. Thursday at the main security checkpoint. County police were called, and both the FBI and ATF were notified. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

East Bay Times: U.S. Department of Justice reverses course, won't seek execution of alleged Sureño accused of three murders, Nate Gartrell, August 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

More than two years after indicating they would seek death against an alleged Bay Area gang member charged with murdering three people, federal prosecutors have reversed course, filing court papers that say execution is no longer on the table. In December 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice indicated that Michael "Gallo" Rebolledo, 33, would be the lone defendant to face a potential death sentence out of 10 alleged Sureño gang members charged with a total of seven murder counts and several other shootings. In a court document reversing the decision, filed July 12, prosecutors didn't state the reason death is no longer being sought. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: Supreme Court Denies Coinbase's Request to Block Customer Lawsuits, Vicky Ge Huang, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase Global's request for emergency intervention in two lawsuits filed by angry customers. Earlier this month, Coinbase asked the court to block a pair of lawsuits and send the cases to arbitration. Federal judges in California had refused the company's demand for the disputes to be heard in arbitration. Coinbase wrote in the filings that the company would suffer "irreparable harm" if the Supreme Court allowed the lawsuits to proceed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Supreme Court to hear case that could end 40 years of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, Haley Chi-Sing, August 11, 2022, 11:30 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear one of two cases on Oct. 31 that could dismantle the 40-year precedent of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, with universities now urging the court to preserve the decision despite some expert opinion to the contrary. Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President & Fellows of Harvard College is one of two cases to come before the Supreme Court urging it to eliminate race as an admissions factor and, as a result, overturn the precedent case, Grutter v. Bollinger. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

SCOTUSblog: Cherry-picked history: Reva Siegel on "living originalism" in Dobbs, Angie Gou,

August 11, 2022, 4:57 PM

“Dobbs is the product of originalism,” Reva Siegel, professor of law at Yale University, said last month. Few legal scholars would disagree. But for Siegel, the more interesting question is what originalism means in practice and how it led to the elimination of the constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Siegel explored those issues during the 18th Robert H. Jackson Lecture, an annual event featuring Supreme Court experts hosted by the Chautauqua Institution. This year’s lecture occurred on July 11 and was recently posted online. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Law360: Biden's 10th Circ. Pick Seen As Humble Yet Savvy Prosecutor, Hannah Albariza, August 11, 2022, 9:41 PM

President Joe Biden has tapped for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals a longtime federal prosecutor who's respected across party lines for his humility and compassion and, if confirmed, would be the first person of color from Kansas to serve as a judge in that court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Archives to return Native American remains, burial objects, Kim Chandler, August 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

The remains of Native American people who once lived in Alabama were dug up a century ago often by amateur archaeologists and given to the state along with the jewelry, urns and other objects buried with them. The Alabama Department of Archives and History announced this week that it is beginning the process of returning the remains and funerary objects held in its collections to tribes as required by federal law. The department also announced it had removed the funerary objects from displays where the artifacts had sat for years, viewed by school groups and other visitors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Mich. Wins Chance To Tax Tribe's Members Off-Reservation, Sanjay Talwani, August 11, 2022, 6:32 PM

A federal judge on Thursday amended an injunction that prevented Michigan from collecting use tax from members of an American Indian tribe both inside and outside its tribal boundaries, saying state law could allow apportionment for off-reservation taxation of tribal members. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Gov't Agencies Team Up For Tribal Broadband Program, Isaac Monterose, August 11, 2022, 5:21 PM

Two federal agencies have agreed to comply with a tribal broadband internet program's requirements for cultural resources, historic preservation and environmental protection, which will allow "high-speed internet service to be deployed quickly while also ensuring safeguards to protect Native lands and interests." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): 5 people plead not guilty to murder of Pine Ridge teenager, Jack Siebold, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

Five people pleaded not guilty to federal charges related to the murder of a juvenile female near Rockyford on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Tyson White Plume, age 27, pleaded not guilty to second degree murder and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: New York Will Start Accepting Marijuana Dispensary Applications In Two Weeks —Exclusively From People Harmed By Drug War, Kyle Jaeger, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

New York marijuana regulators on Thursday announced that they will be officially begin accepting applications for the state's first adult-use retailer licenses, reserved for people impacted by the drug war, starting on August 25. This comes about a month after the Cannabis Control Board (CCB) approved the initial conditional adult-use licensing rules and accepted a mockup of the application form. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Marijuana legalization in Missouri raises questions about cannabis banking, Kevin Barry, August 11, 2022, 11:06 PM

Missouri's recreational adult marijuana use ballot measure could expand the demand for marijuana products by a lot if the pool of potential customers vastly expands. Estimates say more than \$60 billion are spend [sic] on legal marijuana products every year with future estimates continuing to climb. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Patch (San Francisco, CA): Judge Finds Walgreens Liable For Opioid Epidemic In San Francisco, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 11:39 PM

A federal court judge found Walgreens liable for contributing to the opioid epidemic in San Francisco in a trial that concluded on Wednesday. The court ruled that Walgreens over-dispensed opioids without proper due diligence and failed to identify, report, and halt suspicious orders as required by law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

The Hill: Biden's new challenge is FBI's Trump search, Morgan Chalfant and Amie Parnes, August 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The White House has a new messaging challenge on its hands: Donald Trump. President Biden, wary of appearing to influence the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the former president, doesn't want to talk about the FBI search earlier this week at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Morning Joe: [VIDEO] White House Not Directing DOJ Investigation In 'Any way,' Says Adviser, Joe Scarborough, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

White House Senior Adviser Anita Dunn discusses the July inflation numbers, the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago and why she says the White House is not directing the DOJ's investigation into Trump in any way. Dunn also discusses President Biden's signing of the PACT Act for veterans. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden tries to tread carefully after FBI searches Trump's home, Naomi Lim, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

President Joe Biden's relationship with the Justice Department has become more complicated after the FBI enforced a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and office in Florida. With presidential son Hunter Biden under scrutiny by federal law enforcement officials, the White House has from the start aimed to keep a healthy distance from the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. The situation grew thornier after the FBI's Aug. 9 search of Trump's Palm Beach estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Insider: Republicans may have shot themselves in the foot by hammering the DOJ to release the Mar-a-Lago search warrant, Camila DeChalus, Sonam Sheth, August 11, 2022, 8:37 PM

Former President Donald Trump's allies have spent this week clamoring for the Justice Department to release details from its search warrant for Mar-a-Lago and other supporting documentation. Now, it looks like they might get what they asked for. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday at a news conference that the Justice Department has filed a motion to unseal portions of the warrant following Trump's "public confirmation of the search." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

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- The Department of Justice has asked a federal court to unseal the search warrant the FBI used to search the Florida home of former President Donald Trump. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say a heavily armed man in Ohio attempted to breach an FBI field office this morning, leading to a shootout. The attack comes after the FBI's search at Mar-a-Lago prompted anti-law enforcement rhetoric and calls for violence. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The average price for a gallon of regular gas has dipped below \$4 for the first time in five months. The relief stems from an increase in global oil supply and a decrease in fuel demand. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC has updated its COVID guidance to loosen a number of its health recommendations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Firefighters in France are battling raging wildfires near Bordeaux, fueled by one of Europe's worst droughts in centuries during a historic heatwave that has killed thousands. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Heavy fighting is again raging around Europe's largest nuclear plant, with Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of shelling the facility. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly one year after the US withdrawal from Kabul, Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan with more on

what's changed in the country now that the Taliban is firmly in control. [[ABC](#)]

- A non-profit farm outside Kansas City is growing more than just crops in its field, it's also showing how boys can grow into responsible men by teaching them the importance of teamwork and the great outdoors. [[CBS](#)]
- When someone comes into a hospital and alleges abuse, forensic nurses traditionally look for signs of bruising with the naked eye. However, because pigment in darker skin is closer to the skin's surface than the bruise, they may see nothing. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Trump Won't Oppose Release of Search Warrant" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "House Set to Pass Democrats' Climate, Health and Tax Package" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "With Western Funds Slow to Arrive, Ukraine Scrapes to Pay Its Soldiers" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "CDC loosens coronavirus guidance, signaling strategic shift" [[WaPo](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]

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MORNING HEADLINES

- "China Fires Missiles Around Taiwan After Pelosi Visit" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Russia's Shortfalls Create an Opportunity for Ukraine, Western Officials Say" [[NYT](#)]
- "How abortion rights organizers won in Kansas: Horse parades and canvassing" [[WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Speculators Exit Agricultural Markets, Intensifying Crop Selloff" [[WSJ](#)]

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Reuters: U.S. Justice to seek to dismiss Texas lawsuit against guidance on emergency care law, Unattributed, August 3, 2022, 2:27 PM

The U.S. Justice Department plans to file a motion to dismiss a Texas lawsuit challenging guidance from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department on an emergency care law known as EMTALA, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: EXPLAINER: Does health care law protect emergency abortion?, Lindsay Whitehurst, August 3, 2022, 1:00 PM

The Biden administration has filed its first legal challenge to a state abortion ban since the end of *Roe v. Wade*, arguing Idaho's restrictive abortion law leaves doctors facing criminal penalties for providing abortion-related medical care to women in life-threatening medical situations. The Justice Department may have a strong argument in the Idaho case filed under federal health care law, but even if they win it wouldn't allow full access to abortion there, legal experts said. It could, though, give doctors more latitude to provide an abortion in an emergency or a situation that could become one. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: A Focus on Victims' Rights Leads to Investor Payouts in Credit Suisse Case,

Dylan Tokar, August 4, 2022, 5:30 AM

When the U.S. Justice Department said earlier this year it would place an increased emphasis on compensating the victims of white-collar crime, lawyers for Credit Suisse Group AG had already taken steps to ensure their client was complying with the new policy. The Swiss bank in October signed a deal with U.S. and U.K. authorities to resolve investigations into a \$2 billion fraud and money-laundering scheme centered on a tuna-fishing project in Mozambique. As part of that agreement, the bank agreed to pay restitution to a group of investment firms, pension funds and money managers that helped finance the project.

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Guardian: [OPINION] Time is running out. The Department of Justice must indict and convict Trump, Laurence H Tribe and Dennis Aftergut, August 4, 2022, 6:22 AM

On Tuesday CNN reported that key January 6 texts have been erased by officials of Donald Trump's defense department in addition to homeland security and the Secret Service. Not even a clueless Hamlet could avoid smelling "something rotten in the state of Denmark". With the growing list of deletions, there is a whole new criminal conspiracy to investigate: one to destroy evidence of the grave federal crimes already under investigation. Nothing so focuses the prosecutorial mind or underscores the need to accelerate a criminal investigation as evidence that the investigation's target may have plotted to erase the proof of his wrongdoing that is needed to hold him accountable. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR: [AUDIO] Justice Department files a lawsuit against Idaho's restrictive abortion law, Carrie Johnson, August 4, 2022, 5:12 AM

In its first legal challenge over reproductive rights since Roe v Wade was overturned, the Justice Department is suing Idaho over a near total abortion ban. [\[Listen\]](#)

Guardian: Justice department urged to investigate deletion of January 6 texts by Pentagon, Martin Pengelly, August 3, 2022, 9:00 PM

The US attorney general, Merrick Garland, has been asked to investigate yet another deletion of text messages and other communications by senior officials on 6 January 2021, this time by the Pentagon. American Oversight, a non-partisan watchdog group, revealed the shock deletion on Tuesday, having discovered it through freedom of information requests to the Department of Defense. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Lawmakers spar over Justice Department priorities during hearing on threats against election workers, Kerry Picket , August 3, 2022, 4:00 PM

Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee sparred Wednesday over the Justice Department's priorities during a hearing on the Biden administration's efforts to protect election workers from harassment and threats in the wake of the 2020 presidential election. Republicans including Sen. Mike Lee of Utah said a Justice task force has little to show for its investigations spurred by voter anger over the election, while failing to devote similar resources to protecting conservative Supreme Court justices from demonstrators.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: [ANALYSIS] Beyond yachts and planes - U.S. turns to foreign agent laws to curb Russian influence, Luc Cohen, August 4, 2022, 6:13 AM

In the five months since the U.S. Department of Justice launched a task force to seize

Russian oligarchs' assets to pressure Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine, prosecutors also have targeted something less tangible: Russia's influence. Prosecutors in that period have charged five Russians with acting on the Kremlin's behalf without registering as foreign agents, as the Justice Department broadly ramps up enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and a related law known by its code number, 951. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Federal gun charges for 2 accused of plotting July 4 attack, Denise Lavoie, August 3, 2022, 10:00 PM

A judge dismissed state gun charges Wednesday against two men who police said planned a Fourth of July mass shooting in Virginia's capital after charges were filed against the men in federal court. Neither man has been charged specifically with planning a mass shooting. Julio Alvarado-Dubon and Rolman Balcarcel-Bavagas, both Guatemalan immigrants, were charged in state court last month with possession of a firearm by a non-U.S. citizen.

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Reuters: U.S. Homeland Security watchdog broke ethics rules in previous job, report says, Unattributed, August 3, 2022, 9:25 PM

U.S. Homeland Security Department Inspector General Joseph Cuffari, who has been embroiled in controversy over the investigation into the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, violated ethics rules in a previous government job, according to a Justice Department report issued in 2013. Cuffari was investigated by the Justice Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) when he served as a special agent in the OIG's Tucson office.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Chicago-area July 4 parade attack suspect pleads not guilty, Kathleen Foody and Michael Tarm, August 3, 2022, 6:00 PM

The man accused of killing seven people and wounding dozens more in a shooting at an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago pleaded not guilty on Wednesday, a week after prosecutors announced he faces 117 felony counts in the attack. Robert E. Crimo III appeared for a brief hearing Wednesday in Lake County's circuit court to enter a formal plea to the charges — 21 counts of first-degree murder, 48 counts of attempted murder and 48 counts of aggravated battery representing those killed and wounded during the parade in Highland Park. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Reuters](#)

WaPo: Man accused of leaving loaded gun on Capitol grounds during Jan. 6 riot, Rachel Weiner, August 3, 2022, 7:13 PM

A Missouri man left a loaded 9mm semiautomatic pistol on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, according to prosecutors. Jerod Thomas Bargar, 36, of Centralia, Mo., was arrested Wednesday; he is one of a small group of people accused of illegally carrying guns during the riot that forced a delay in certifying the results of the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOMU-NBC/CW \(Columbia, MO\)](#), [KRCG-CBS \(Jefferson City, MO\)](#)

NYT: Trump Lawyer Proposed Challenging Georgia Senate Elections in Search of Fraud, Maggie Haberman and Luke Broadwater, August 3, 2022, 7:00 PM

John Eastman, the conservative lawyer whose plan to block congressional certification of the 2020 election failed in spectacular fashion on Jan. 6, 2021, sent an email two weeks later arguing that pro-Trump forces should sue to keep searching for the supposed election fraud he acknowledged they had failed to find. On Jan. 20, 2021, hours after President Biden's inauguration, Mr. Eastman emailed Rudolph W. Giuliani, former President Donald J. Trump's personal lawyer, proposing that they challenge the outcome of the runoff elections in Georgia

for two Senate seats that had been won on Jan. 5 by Democrats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Yahoo: Exclusive: Trump allies launch effort to recall Fulton County DA Fani Willis, Michael Isikoff, August 3, 2022, 5:43 PM

Donald Trump's allies in Georgia are mounting a campaign to recall Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis over her investigation into the then president's attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 election and are seeking to recruit high-dollar donors to fund it, according to sources familiar with the effort. The organizers of the campaign concede that the obstacles to a successful recall in Georgia are high, making the chances of getting a recall vote on the ballot before Willis makes her decision on whether to indict Trump and his associates remote at best. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: The U.S. has sanctioned Vladimir Putin's long-rumored romantic partner, Jason Breslow, August 3, 2022, 5:06 PM

The U.S. has brought sanctions against the former Olympic gymnast who is long-rumored to be the romantic partner of Russian President Vladimir Putin — adding the person known as "Russia's most flexible woman" to the growing list of individuals to face financial penalties in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Alina Kabaeva, 39, has been romantically linked to Putin, 69, for more than a decade and is thought to have had at least three children with him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Giuliani unlikely to face charges in federal lobbying case: Report, Ryan King, August 3, 2022, 3:25 PM

Rudy Giuliani is reportedly unlikely to face federal charges in the federal investigation of his business activity in Ukraine. Federal prosecutors have been investigating Giuliani for nearly two years to determine whether he illegally lobbied the Trump administration in favor of Ukrainian officials who had been collaborating with him in his quest to dig up dirt on the Biden family. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: John Durham takes the reins ahead of trial of Steele dossier source, Jerry Dunleavy, August 3, 2022, 2:46 PM

John Durham is taking the reins as the trial against the main source for Christopher Steele's dossier draws near after the special counsel's investigation was dealt a blow with a "not guilty" verdict earlier this year. Russian national Igor Danchenko was charged last year with five counts of making false statements to the FBI. Durham says the comments were about the information Danchenko provided to British ex-spy Steele for the dossier. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Kansas City Star: Kansas man with 'just minimal' legal training to represent himself in Capitol riot case, Judy L. Thomas, August 3, 2022, 8:59 AM

A Kansas man facing eight charges in the Capitol riot — including allegedly trying to force open a door inside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office suite — will be allowed to represent himself in the case, a federal judge has ruled. William Pope, of Topeka, told U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras at a hearing Tuesday that he wanted to waive his constitutional right to counsel and proceed on his own. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WUSA-CBS (Washington, DC): Illinois man wants to withdraw guilty plea in Capitol riot case, Jordan Fischer, August 3, 2022, 4:39 PM

An Illinois man who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of parading last month asked a judge this week to let him withdraw that plea and instead take his case to trial. Athanasios Zoyganeles, 44, pleaded guilty last month to one count of parading, demonstrating or

picketing in a Capitol building. The charge is a petty misdemeanor offense that has, in some cases, resulted in probation-only sentences for other Jan. 6 defendants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

AP: Trump ally Navarro sued for alleged unofficial email account, Michael Balsamo, August 3, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Justice Department filed suit Wednesday against Peter Navarro, claiming the former adviser to Donald Trump used an unofficial email account while working in the White House and wrongfully retained presidential records. The lawsuit in federal court in Washington claims Navarro used at least one “non-official” email account — a ProtonMail account — to send and receive emails. The legal action comes just weeks after Navarro was indicted on criminal charges after refusing to cooperate with a congressional investigation into the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [National Law Journal](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Democrat Seeks Inspector General Inquiry Into Pentagon’s Missing Jan. 6 Texts, Luke Broadwater, August 3, 2022, 8:00 PM

The No. 2 Senate Democrat on Wednesday called for an inspector general investigation into missing text messages from top Defense Department officials in the Trump administration related to the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. Senator Richard J. Durbin of Illinois, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he was sending a letter to Sean O’Donnell, the Defense Department’s inspector general, seeking an investigation into the disappearance of text messages from the phones of at least five former Trump administration officials, including Christopher C. Miller, the acting defense secretary; Kash Patel, the Pentagon’s chief of staff; and Ryan D. McCarthy, the Army secretary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Trump faces new danger in DOJ’s surprise subpoena of Pat Cipollone, Greg Sargent, August 3, 2022, 11:37 AM

Donald Trump may announce a 2024 presidential bid before the midterm elections because he reportedly believes this could help him elude Jan. 6-related prosecution. If he’s a candidate, goes this thinking, any criminal investigation into him would appear hopelessly tainted. But if Trump thinks he’s in fearsome control of events, of the calendar and of the public discourse around his legal vulnerabilities — an aura that’s central to his appeal to supporters — a confluence of new developments should sorely test that confidence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Federal grand jury subpoenas former Trump White House counsel Pat Cipollone in DOJ Jan. 6 inquiry, Kevin Johnson, David Jackson, August 3, 2022, 11:19 PM

Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone has been subpoenaed by a federal grand jury investigating the Capitol attack and the campaign to overturn the 2020 election, a person familiar with the matter said Wednesday. The Justice Department’s action involving Cipollone comes after the former White House official testified last month before the House committee in its separate examination of the Jan. 6, 2021 attack. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#)

CNN: [ANALYSIS] Latest subpoenas suggest DOJ probe could be aiming squarely at Trump, Stephen Collinson, August 4, 2022, 12:02 AM

"This is probably bad ... for former President Trump." With dry understatement, Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, one of two Republicans on the House select committee investigating the

insurrection, summed up on CNN on Wednesday a significant turn in the Department of Justice probe into the mob attack on the US Capitol and the effort to overturn the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [VIDEO] What Toobin says is a 'big deal' development in the Jan. 6 criminal probe, Anderson Cooper, August 3, 2022, 10:00 PM

CNN's chief legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin tells Anderson Cooper about the scale of the Department of Justice's January 6 criminal probe, and the significance of new subpoenas in the investigation. [[Watch](#)]

CNN: FIRST ON CNN: Former Deputy White House counsel subpoenaed in January 6 probe, Katelyn Polantz and Pamela Brown, August 3, 2022, 4:57 PM

The former deputy counsel to President Donald Trump has been subpoenaed in the federal criminal probe of the January 6 attack on the US Capitol, two sources familiar with the matter tell CNN. Patrick Philbin was subpoenaed for testimony and documents, according to one of the sources. Philbin worked in the White House counsel's office under Pat Cipollone, who also was subpoenaed for documents and testimony, according to sources. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Trump faces uphill fight on executive privilege in DOJ probe, Kyle Cheney, Josh Gerstein and Betsy Woodruff Swan, August 3, 2022, 8:51 PM

Donald Trump's camp has yet to say whether he'll try to use executive privilege to disrupt the Justice Department's grand jury investigation into attempts to overturn the 2020 election. But if he does, it could be a very short fight. A series of court rulings prompted by Trump's effort to stymie the House Jan. 6 select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol sharply rejected Trump's bid to wield the power as a former president. In fact, the Supreme Court agreed that Trump's effort to assert privilege would have failed even if he were the sitting president, effectively granting the committee access to Trump's White House papers. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [FiveThirtyEight](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Bloomberg: Sneakerhead Accused of Running Huge Air Jordan Ponzi Scheme, Misyrlena Egkolfopoulou, August 3, 2022, 9:40 PM

For years, he seemed like a wizard of Niketown – a Lamborghini-loving sneakerhead who made millions peddling rare Air Jordans at crazy low prices. [...] That, in a nutshell, is how authorities characterize Michael Malekzadeh, of Eugene, Oregon. Prosecutors say Malekzadeh, 39, and his Zadeh Kicks LLC swindled thousands of people across the nation in a multimillion-dollar scam involving nubuck and leather, rather than stocks and bonds. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KATU-ABC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KEZI-ABC \(Eugene, OR\)](#), [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Idaho's top court latest in red state to weigh abortion ban, Rebecca Boone and Geoff Mulvihill, August 3, 2022, 8:00 PM

It's likely that virtually all abortions will be banned eventually in deeply conservative Idaho, along with most other Republican-dominated states, but there are still battles to play out in court and maybe the legislature as abortion rights advocates continue to try to resist what could be inevitable. Wednesday, lawyers for a doctor, a regional Planned Parenthood

affiliate and the state government went before the Idaho's state Supreme Court for arguments over whether a series of bans can be enforced this month. Even if the advocates prevail, state lawmakers could adopt new bans. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Suit: Police chasing white suspect wrongly arrest Black [sic] man, Alanna Durkin Richer, August 3, 2022, 4:00 PM

A suburban Boston police officer who was pursuing a white suspect pinned a 20-year-old Black man to the ground as he was walking home and placed a knee on the man's neck despite having no evidence that he was involved in any crime, according to a federal civil rights lawsuit filed Wednesday. [...] The lawsuit filed in Boston federal court alleges that police violated Johnson's constitutional rights when they stopped him, searched him, handcuffed him and placed him in the back of a cruiser before releasing him with no charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] How to Interpret the Kansas Referendum on Abortion, August 4, 2022, 6:00 AM

Kansas this week became the first U.S. state since the fall of *Roe v. Wade* to put the question of abortion directly to the electorate. The result was resounding. Voters chose overwhelmingly to preserve abortion rights, an outcome that could have important political reverberations for the rest of the country. [[Listen](#)]

Baltimore Sun (Baltimore, MD): U.S. Justice Department is investigating UMBC's Title IX compliance and response to sexual misconduct, Darcy Costello, August 4, 2022, 6:00 AM

The U.S. Department of Justice is conducting a civil rights investigation into the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's compliance with federal Title IX rules barring gender discrimination. University officials confirmed the investigation this week and said the school was notified about it in November 2020. The probe is "still underway," UMBC's general counsel said in an emailed statement to *The Baltimore Sun*, though no timeline for findings has been provided. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Federal judge throws out some claims in protracted fight over Texas voting restrictions, Stephen Paulsen, August 3, 2022, 7:00 PM

In a limited order this week, a federal judge threw out some civil rights and discrimination claims brought as part of a complex and ongoing legal dispute over strict new voting rules in Texas. The lawsuit filed last year alleges that the rules violate the U.S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act by restricting voter assistance and making it easier for "partisan poll watchers to intimidate voters and poll workers." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Law360: NJ Contractor Charged Over Deadly Wall Collapse, Elliot Weld, August 3, 2022, 6:47 PM

Federal prosecutors on Wednesday charged a New Jersey contractor with willfully violating Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, accusing the company and its director of negligence when a wall at one of the firm's construction sites collapsed in 2017, leading to a worker's death. A criminal information filed in Manhattan federal court alleges that contracting company Onekey LLC and its director, Fibar O'Neill, built a temporary wall on the construction site without the approval of an engineer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WUTR-ABC (Utica, NY): North Country Neurology ordered to pay \$850K for ‘improper,’ ‘reckless’ billing, Isabella Colello, August 3, 2022, 11:13 AM

North Country Neurology, P.C., located in Watertown has been ordered to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars by the United States Attorney’s Office. U.S. States Attorney Carla B. Freedman confirmed on August 3 that North Country Neurology agreed to pay \$850,000 for was it admitted was “improper” and “reckless” billing to the federal government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: White House frustrated as Washington mayor seeks troops to help handle migrants, Ted Hesson, August 3, 2022, 10:41 PM

Thousands of migrants bused to Washington in recent months by Republican governors of states on the U.S.-Mexico border have caused tensions between the White House and the Democratic mayor of the U.S. capital city, four U.S. officials told Reuters. Last week, Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser called on President Joe Biden, a fellow Democrat, to mobilize the National Guard to provide aid and shelter for migrants arriving after long trips from Texas and Arizona. White House officials and Washington-area volunteers helping migrants are voicing frustration, saying the aid is unnecessary and the request, which became public last week, plays into the hands of Biden's Republican critics. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Immigrants are not getting Social Security numbers at the U.S. border, Josh Kelety, August 3, 2022, 8:00 PM

CLAIM: U.S. Border Patrol agents are giving Social Security numbers to immigrants who cross the border into the U.S. without authorization. AP’S ASSESSMENT: False. Border Patrol does not give Social Security numbers to immigrants who cross the border, nor does it have the authority to, a spokesperson for the agency told The Associated Press. Immigrants living in the U.S. illegally aren’t eligible for Social Security numbers unless they meet certain criteria, experts say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Border officials investigating claims Sikh turbans were confiscated, Nick Miroff, August 3, 2022, 3:37 PM

U.S. authorities are investigating complaints that the religious rights of dozens of Sikh asylum seekers were violated recently when their turbans were confiscated by Border Patrol agents in the Yuma, Ariz., area, officials said Wednesday. The American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona sent a letter Monday to U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Chris Magnus saying the organization since June has documented almost 50 cases in which agents confiscated turbans, denouncing the seizures as “ongoing, serious religious-freedom violations.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [NBC](#)

Law360: Biden Ordered To Revisit Visa Apps Nixed In Trump Travel Ban, Alyssa Aquino, August 3, 2022, 5:35 PM

A California federal judge ordered the Biden administration to revisit the tens of thousands of visa applications that were denied under Trump-era travel restrictions, finding that targeted foreigners were still bruised from the travel ban, long after their revocation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Tyson Foods ignoring subpoena for meat price gouging probe, NY attorney general says, Jonathan Stempel, August 3, 2022, 3:48 PM

Tyson Foods Inc (TSN.N), one of the largest U.S. meat producers, is refusing to comply with a subpoena for a civil probe into possible price gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic, New York's attorney general said on Wednesday. Letitia James, the attorney general, asked a state judge in Manhattan to require Tyson to turn over materials including contractual terms, prices, and profit margins for its sales of meat to New York retailers from December 2019 to April 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#)

WaPo: Phil Mickelson, 10 other LIV golfers, file antitrust suit against PGA Tour, Matt Bonesteel, August 3, 2022, 4:44 PM

Eleven golfers from the fledgling LIV Golf Invitational Series filed a federal antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour, arguing that their careers were hurt when the Tour suspended them after they joined the Saudi-funded organization. The move has been expected since LIV emerged this year to challenge the PGA Tour's professional golf supremacy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Bloomberg: FTC Under Khan Faulted by Watchdog on Hiring Unpaid Experts, Leah Nylen, August 3, 2022, 1:15 PM

The US Federal Trade Commission under Chair Lina Khan has stepped up the use of unpaid experts and consultants without clear guidelines on their job responsibilities or transparency into how they were selected, the agency's watchdog found. The FTC's Inspector General said in an audit posted Wednesday that the agency, in the late Trump administration and extending into President Joe Biden's term, had recruited nine unpaid experts or consultants creating potential legal and compliance risks, including conflicts of interest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: DOJ Gains Early Sway in Private Antitrust Law With More Briefs, Dan Papsun, August 4, 2022, 4:00 AM

The DOJ's antitrust division is leaning on legal briefs to influence competition law even when it lacks the time and resources to join private litigation as a party. In deploying statements of interest in private cases—such as challenges to no-poach pacts between employers—division head Jonathan Kanter is focusing on clarifying the law while laying the groundwork for potential future major cases, according to former DOJ staff and antitrust lawyers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: UnitedHealth Judge Probes Health Tech Co.'s Data Safeguards, Bryan Koenig, August 3, 2022, 9:59 PM

The D.C. federal judge slated to decide the fate of UnitedHealth Group's proposed \$13.8 billion acquisition of Change Healthcare pressed a Change executive on Wednesday to explain whether internal safeguards can prevent data abuses that the U.S. Department of Justice is worried about. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Judge Queries Simon & Schuster CEO On Bidding For Books, Matthew Perlman, August 3, 2022, 8:55 PM

A D.C. federal judge peppered Simon & Schuster's CEO with questions about the frequency of competitive bidding for book acquisitions during testimony Wednesday on the government's bid to stop Penguin Random House from purchasing the rival publishing house. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#)

Bloomberg Law: **Meta Asks Court to Force Snap to Hand Over Data in FTC Fight**, Tina Davis, August 3, 2022, 5:49 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. is asking a judge to force Snap Inc. to hand over data it says is needed to help the Facebook owner defend against a US government antitrust lawsuit. In a filing with a federal court in California, Meta said Snap should turn over information it says can help refute the Federal Trade Commission's contention that it has a monopoly in "personal social networking services." Meta said it served its subpoena on Snap more than five months ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRIV-Fox (Houston, TX): **FTC says Opendoor must pay \$62 million after cheating homesellers**, Heather Sullivan, August 3, 2022, 6:23 PM

The Federal Trade Commission says online homebuyer Opendoor must pay \$62 million to settle charges that it cheated homesellers out of thousands of dollars. iBuying is a growing industry in real estate, letting people buy and sell homes quickly and easily through online platforms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: **FBI returns electronic devices to former Trump attorney Giuliani -lawyer**, Sarah N. Lynch, August 3, 2022, 3:41 PM

FBI agents recently returned the cell phones and other electronic devices they had seized from Donald Trump's former attorney Rudy Giuliani, in a possible sign the investigation into whether he failed to register as a foreign agent of Ukraine could be winding down, his attorney said on Wednesday. Robert Costello, Giuliani's lawyer, told Reuters he has not been officially notified yet whether federal prosecutors in Manhattan are closing the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Beast: **How a Dem Congressional Staffer Faked Being an FBI Agent and Became a Fugitive**, Jose Pagliery, August 4, 2022, 4:32 AM

A young congressional staffer for Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL) was quietly fired last year after he faked being an FBI agent and led cops on a chase through the capital, resulting in a weeks-long nationwide manhunt. It took four different law enforcement agencies three months to eventually catch up with the staffer 500 miles away. And it was only after a Secret Service agent managed to track down the online shops that sold the staffer mock "federal agent" gear and a bogus license plate for his fake police car—decked out with a siren and flashing lights—that authorities were able to arrest him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: **[OPINION] 5 questions FBI chief Wray must answer before the Senate Judiciary Committee**, Adriana Cohen, August 3, 2022, 7:02 PM

In response to whistleblowers alerting Congress of disturbing political bias and other misconduct at the FBI, Director Christopher Wray will testify Thursday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Here are a few questions the American people deserve answers to. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: **Board recommends clemency for Oklahoma death row inmate**, Ken Miller, August 3, 2022, 5:00 PM

The Oklahoma Board of Pardon and Parole on Wednesday voted to recommend clemency for a death row inmate who has admitted to beating to death a friend and co-worker who

refused to loan him \$50 to buy cocaine. The board voted 3-2 to recommend Gov. Kevin Stitt grant clemency to James Coddington, 50, who was convicted and sentenced to die for killing 73-year-old Albert Hale inside Hale's home in Choctaw in 1997. Coddington beat Hale on the head at least three times with a hammer. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOKH-Fox \(Oklahoma, OK\)](#), [Oklahoman](#)

Tennessean: Federal appeals court overturns Clarksville man's death sentence, sends case back down, Mariah Timms, August 3, 2022, 6:07 PM

A Clarksville man's death sentence was overturned by a new federal appeals court decision Wednesday. His convictions stand, but the case will head back to the trial court level for a new sentencing phase. William Glenn Rogers, 60, was convicted of the 1996 rape and murder of a 9-year-old Clarksville girl. A jury sentenced him to death on the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGW-NBC (Portland, OR): Guards at Sheridan federal prison facing abuse allegations, Conrad Wilson, August 3, 2022, 1:21 PM

A growing number of people incarcerated at the Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution sent urgent notes to their attorneys last week complaining of guards from other federal facilities coming in to toss their cells and indiscriminately beat people. Several sources complained of food taken, papers torn up and brutal beatings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Bloomberg: Supreme Court to Hear Harvard Affirmative-Action Case This Fall, Greg Stohr, August 3, 2022, 11:05 AM

The US Supreme Court scheduled arguments for Oct. 31 in clashes over affirmative action policies at Harvard College and the University of North Carolina, a pair of cases that could abolish the use of race in college admissions. The justices are hearing arguments separately in the two cases. The newest justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, isn't taking part in the Harvard case, having recently completed a six-year stint on the university's board of overseers. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

Politico: [OPINION] How Ruth Bader Ginsburg Will Have The Last Laugh on Samuel Alito, John Harris, August 4, 2022, 4:30 AM

Justice Samuel Alito, in drafting *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, said he and the other justices who joined him in ending a constitutional right to abortion had no ability to foresee what the political implications would be. Even if they could know, he added, justices have "no authority to let that knowledge influence our decision." [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: California Bills To Legalize Psychedelics Possession, Allow Interstate Marijuana Commerce And More Teed Up For Key Hurdle Next Week, Kyle Jaeger, August 3, 2022, 4:00 PM

California bills to legalize psychedelics possession, create the infrastructure to allow interstate marijuana commerce, prohibit localities from banning medical cannabis delivery services and impose new labeling requirements for cannabis products are all teed up for consideration in a key Assembly committee next week. The Assembly Appropriations Committee placed all four of those proposals, as well as a litany of unrelated measures, on

its suspense file on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

KABC-ABC (Los Angeles, CA): Bill allowing safe injection sites in Los Angeles heads to governor's desk, Carlos Granda, August 3, 2022, 12:40 PM

A bold plan to provide places for people to use illegal drugs making its way through the California legislature. The bill would allow supervised injection sites. Los Angeles is one of the three cities being considered for the pilot program and the bill is heading to Governor Gavin Newsom's desk. The idea, according to proponents, is to provide a place where people could use drugs safely. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

NBC: Biden signs executive order aimed at helping women travel for abortion, Lauren Egan, August 3, 2022, 3:43 PM

President Joe Biden signed an executive order Wednesday aimed at helping women cross state borders to obtain abortions, his second order since the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to the procedure. The order directs the Department of Health and Human Services to "consider" allowing Medicaid funds to be used to assist people traveling between states to get abortions. The order also directs HHS to ensure that health care providers comply with federal anti-discrimination laws so women receive "medically necessary care without delay." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#), [Week](#)

CONGRESS

Reuters: U.S. Senate panel seeks legislative path to avoid repeat of Jan. 6 violence, Rose Horowitz and David Morgan, August 3, 2022, 8:21 PM

A U.S. Senate panel on Wednesday took up proposals to reform federal election law, aiming to avoid a repeat of the violence of Jan. 6, 2021, when Donald Trump supporters stormed the Capitol in an effort to overturn his election defeat. The Senate Rules Committee is reviewing two legislative proposals to craft a bill to reform the 1887 Electoral Count Act, which the former president and his allies sought to use to overturn his 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Fox: Sen. Cruz grills DOJ official on lack of prosecutions for protesters at Supreme Court justices' homes, Andrew Mark Miller, August 3, 2022, 8:53 PM

Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz grilled a top Justice Department official Wednesday over the lack of arrests made by law enforcement while protesters were demonstrating outside the homes of Supreme Court justices earlier this year. "Congress has addressed this issue. It passed 18 USC 1507 making it a crime to protest at the home of a Supreme Court Justice while a case is pending," Cruz told Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Polite, Jr. during a Judiciary Committee hearing on Wednesday. "Night after night after night, these protesters committed federal crimes on national television. Why has the Justice Department refused to enforce 18 USC 1507?" [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 3, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Linsay Davis

CBS: Weekend News with Major Garrett

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Democrats displayed a newfound sense of optimism about the election-year political climate Wednesday after voters in traditionally conservative Kansas overwhelmingly backed a measure protecting abortion rights. At the White House, President Joe Biden hailed the vote in Kansas as the direct result of outrage at the Supreme Court's decision in June to repeal a woman's constitutional right to obtain an abortion. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- China is ramping up its military drills in response to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's historic trip to Taiwan. This is China's first live-fire exercises off Taiwan since 1996. Beijing sent fighter jets across a critical dividing line between Taiwan and the mainland, according to Taiwan and a senior U.S. official, raising U.S. fears that either side could miscalculate. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Pat Cipollone, former White House counsel to former President Trump, has been subpoenaed by a federal grand jury for their investigation into the January 6 Capitol riot. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Infowars host Alex Jones took the stand for the second time in his defamation trial where he faces \$150 million in damages for falsely telling his audience that the Sandy Hook mass shooting was a hoax. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Rep. Jackie Walorski and three other people died in a fatal car crash Wednesday, according to the sheriff's office of Elkhart County, Ind. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Many Republicans who support former President Donald Trump's false claims of widespread 2020 election fraud are winning primaries, with some advancing to positions where they could influence running future elections if voters put them in office this fall. [[CBS](#)]
- The accused gunman in the mass shooting at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois, pleaded not guilty. He is charged with killing seven people and wounding dozens more. [[ABC](#)]
- The Justice Department on Wednesday sued former Donald Trump trade adviser Peter Navarro in an effort to force him to turn over emails from his tenure in the White House. [[ABC](#)]
- The U.N.'s nuclear chief said the war in Ukraine has left the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant "completely out of control." [[ABC](#)]

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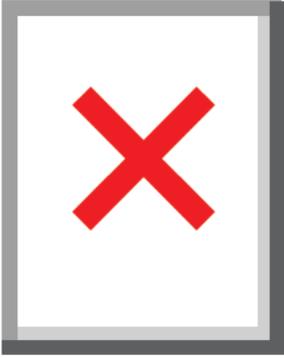


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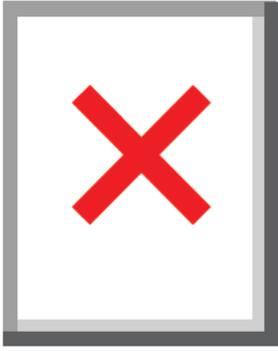


Time to Talk to Russia?

As the war in Ukraine rages on, the West is providing Kyiv with more and more powerful weapons, and Russia is unleashing more and more death and destruction. If this continues, then further escalation of the conflict seems likely to follow. That's according to RAND's Samuel Charap and Jeremy Shapiro of the European Council on Foreign Relations, writing in the *New York Times*.

The United States and its allies should continue providing aid to Ukraine, they say. But the West— in close consultation with Kyiv— should also consider opening channels of communication with Russia and working toward a cease-fire agreement. There may not be a mutually acceptable outcome of the war right now, but talks could help identify the compromises needed to find one.

Charap and Shapiro call the ongoing conflict “a classic spiral in which both sides feel compelled to do more as soon as the other side begins to make some progress.” The best way to prevent that dynamic from getting out of control may be to start talking—before it's too late. [Read more »](#)

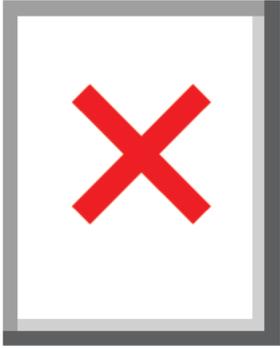


U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, and Ukraine's Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov meet in Brussels, June 15, 2022. Photo by Yves Herman/Pool/Reuters



Potential Pathways to Russia Escalating the War

Although not inevitable, escalation of the conflict in Ukraine is a significant concern. A new RAND paper examines the conditions that may lead to Russia broadening its war and targeting NATO member states. The authors lay out the four most-plausible scenarios and discuss how U.S. and NATO actions could affect each pathway's likelihood. The analysis could help U.S. and allied policymakers manage escalation risks while continuing to pursue Western objectives. [Read more »](#)

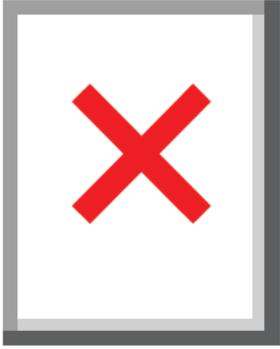


Graduates of City College of New York at its 169th commencement ceremony June 3, 2022. Photo by Erik McGregor/Sipa USA/Reuters



The Compounding Effects of Racial Bias

In 2017, the median white family in America held 14 times the wealth of the median Black family. Why do such large racial disparities persist decades after the Civil Rights Movement and the abolition of explicit racial discrimination? A new RAND tool illustrates one contributing factor: The small effects of racial bias can compound over generations, adding up to large differences. You can use the interactive tool to see how varying degrees of bias create inequities in education, income, and wealth. [Try the tool »](#)

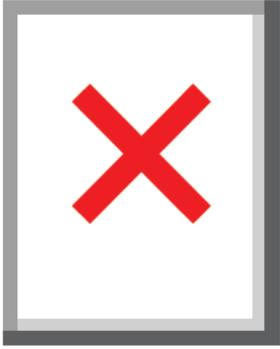


Demonstrators protest outside the U.S. Supreme Court after the ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade. Washington, D.C. June 24, 2022. Photo by Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters



Abortion Is Power

Beyond limiting access to health care, how might the repeal of Roe v. Wade affect women? Decades of economic research points to some grim consequences. As RAND's Kathryn Edwards explains, less control over the timing of motherhood negatively impacts women's economic outcomes. Even more important, abortion, like divorce, gives women the power to leave abusive relationships. Revoking this power may have dire effects on women's physical safety and well-being. [Read more »](#)

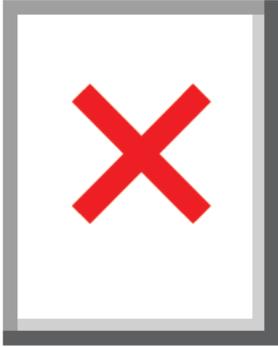


Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping before a meeting in Beijing, April 25, 2019. Photo by Kenzaburo Fukuhara/Pool/Reuters



China's Military Aid May Be Less Than You Think

The war in Ukraine has shown how important military aid is to broader U.S. security cooperation efforts. In the context of America's strategic competition with China, one might assume that Beijing also has a large military aid program as part of its approach to winning friends and influence. But [a recent RAND report](#) shows that the United States has dramatically outspent China in this area. This should offer significant advantages as strategic competition between the two powers intensifies, says RAND's Nathan Beauchamp-Mustafaga. [Read more »](#)



With their ultrasensitive "biological sonar" dolphins can precisely locate mines from the upper reaches of the water column down to the sea floor. Photo by PO1 Joshua Scott/U.S. Navy



Why the Navy Should Stick with Its Mine-Hunting Dolphins

Dolphins have long been a critical part of the Navy's mine-hunting efforts. Their accuracy is legendary, and no mine-hunting dolphin has ever been harmed by a mine. But funding for this program has been slashed, and some argue that the dolphins should be replaced by uncrewed undersea vehicles. RAND's Scott Savitz disagrees. While vehicles are especially useful for wide-area searches, they are vulnerable to obstacles that dolphins easily overcome, such as strong currents and thick seaweed. Instead of one replacing the other, machine and mammal may work better together, Savitz says. [Read more »](#)

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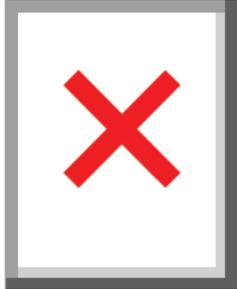
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The big idea

Russia's war in Ukraine escalates on the ground and in Congress



President Biden, first lady Dr. Jill Biden, first lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska, and Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States, Oksana Markarova at the White House on July 19. (Demetrius Freeman/The Washington Post)

Russia's war in Ukraine is escalating this week in the bloody war of attrition on the ground, in Moscow's public pronouncements and in the halls of Congress. American determination to help Kyiv faces fatigue at home and abroad as voters confront more immediate worries like inflation.

President Biden is sending a team of heavy-hitters from across many departments to an all-Senators briefing Wednesday afternoon, underscoring concerns that the next emergency funding request to bolster Ukraine will face more resistance than the previous one.

- Officials going to the Senate on Wednesday include Deputy Director of National Intelligence **Morgan Muir**; Deputy Secretary of State **Wendy Sherman**; and Undersecretary of Defense **Colin Kahl**, according to a source with access to the list of briefers.

The Joint Chiefs are sending **Lt. Gen. Douglas Sims**, their director for operations. The U.S. Agency for International Development will be represented by its Deputy Administrator **Isobel Coleman**. Assistant Treasury Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes **Elizabeth Rosenberg** will attend. So will **Alan F. Estevez**, undersecretary of commerce for industry and security and **Andrew Light**, assistant secretary of energy for international affairs.

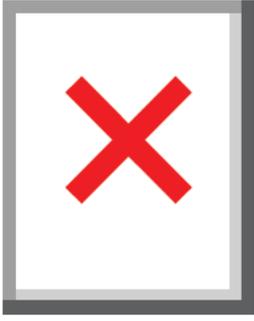
They're likely to get peppered with technical, military, political and diplomatic questions. What to make of Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelensky** suspending top officials? What would it take for the United States to provide longer-range artillery to Ukraine? What more can the United States do to wean allies off Russian energy? And what is the administration's definition of victory?

ESCALATION

The briefing comes as the conflict has escalated on various fronts over the past few days.

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Russian energy giant Gazprom served notice Monday it's **cutting in half the quantity of natural gas flowing through its principal pipeline to Germany**, my colleague Loveday Morris reported. Gazprom cited technical difficulties. But Germany officials said they saw none, and Moscow has not been shy about using its energy exports as leverage.

- “Starting Wednesday, the daily gas flow through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline — the biggest between Russia and Western Europe — will be set at 33 million cubic meters, Gazprom said. That amounts to about 20 percent of capacity, down from 40 percent.”

Ukrainian officials appear to be gearing up for a counteroffensive to retake the southern region of Kherson, even predicting they can liberate it in a couple of months, the Guardian reported.

The daily quoted Sergiy Khlan, an aide to the administrative head of the Kherson region, as saying, “We are switching from defensive to counteroffensive actions,” and predicting, “We can say that **the Kherson region will definitely be liberated by September.**”

RUSSIA SAYS THE QUIET PART OUT LOUD

Meanwhile, **Russia made explicit what pretty much everyone knew** from the earliest days of the war, when Moscow tried and failed to capture Kyiv and falsely claimed the government there was run by Nazis: **It wants to shove Zelensky from power.**

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, attending an Arab League Summit in Cairo, declared, “We are determined to help the people of eastern Ukraine to liberate themselves from the burden of this absolutely unacceptable regime.”

But Lavrov made clear his remark did not just apply to the eastern areas. **“We will certainly help the Ukrainian people to get rid of the regime, which is absolutely anti-people and anti-historical.”**

- One bright spot in recent days, an agreement to pave the way for exporting Ukrainian grain stores effectively blockaded by Russia, dimmed after a Moscow missile attack on the port city of Odessa.

At the New York Times, Matthew Mpoke Bigg and Eric Nagourney reported: “The missile strike on Saturday, which damaged infrastructure at the port, **called into question the viability of the plan** to free some 20 million tons of grain trapped at ports on the Black Sea. But President Volodymyr Zelensky and other officials insisted on Monday that **Ukraine would move forward with shipments, while denouncing Russia’s strike on Odesa.**”



Ukraine clearly still needs help from the United States and its allies. But how sustainable is that?

My friend Raquel Krähenbühl, who covers the White House and Washington for Brazil's **Globo**, pressed Zelensky in a recent interview on the question of growing global fatigue with the war. (The translation of his remarks was provided by Globo.)

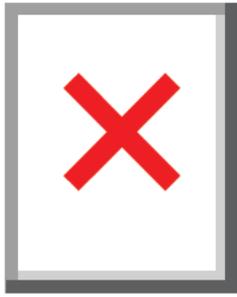
“I think now that’s one of the problems,” he said. “There are people who get tired. It’s understandable. Every country has its internal issues.”

“Regardless of how hard it is for you in the world, you have to know that somewhere there’s a country named Ukraine that fights for freedom, and these values are yours,” Zelensky continued. “We can make sure that tyranny will lose this war.”



What’s happening now

Trump returns to Washington for keynote speech



President Donald Trump is seen on the screen as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol holds a prime-time hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

“Former president **Donald Trump** is scheduled to be in Washington on Tuesday for the first time since departing on Jan. 20, 2021, ahead of Joe Biden’s inauguration as his successor in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters,” John Wagner and Mariana Alfaro report.

“The occasion: a keynote speech at the America First Agenda Summit hosted by the America First Policy Institute, a think tank launched by Trump allies to advance his policies following his White House tenure.”

China targeted Fed to build informant network, access data, a probe says

“The investigation by Republican staff members of the Senate’s Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs found that **over a decade Fed employees were offered contracts with Chinese talent recruitment programs, which often include cash payments, and asked to provide information on the U.S. economy, interest rate changes and policies,** according to a report of the findings released on Tuesday,” the Wall Street Journal's Kate O’Keeffe and Nick Timiraos report.



Michael LaRosa, Jill Biden’s press secretary, leaving the White House

“**Michael LaRosa**, first lady **Jill Biden**’s press secretary, is leaving the White House for a public affairs firm. His last day is Friday,” Eugene Scott reports.

Russia to withdraw from International Space Station

“Russia on Tuesday announced it will withdraw from the International Space Station (ISS) project after 2024, signaling an end of an era in one of the last remaining areas of cooperation between Russia and the United States,” [Mary Ilyushina reports](#).

E.U. agrees to watered-down gas rationing plan after initial resistance

“European Union member states on Tuesday agreed on a plan to reduce natural gas consumption amid looming shortages, although, in the wake of resistance from southern European countries, the measures are less far-reaching than originally conceived,” [Rick Noack and Quentin Ariès report](#).



Lunchtime reads from The Post

Gunmaker’s Super Bowl stunt sheds light on marketing of ‘America’s rifle’

“A rapidly growing manufacturer of AR-15-style rifles tried to run an ad during the Super Bowl in 2014, knowing that the NFL typically does not allow gun commercials during its marquee event. **But Daniel Defense — the maker of the semiautomatic rifle used in the Uvalde school shooting — privately had in place a plan to generate publicity whether the ad aired or not**, according to previously unreported court documents that shed light on the gunmaker’s marketing strategies,” [Shawn Boburg and Jon Swaine report](#).

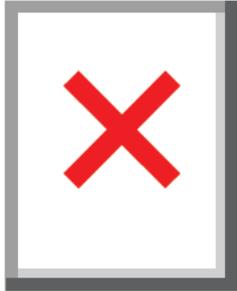
The stunt: “If it aired, Daniel Defense’s top marketing executive planned to have people across the country complain about the company’s own ad to left-leaning media organizations, stirring controversy and generating coverage.”

Arizona fake-electors subpoenas show breadth of DOJ Jan. 6 probe

“Copies of two subpoenas issued to Republican state senators from Arizona were released Monday via a public-records request, confirming what has been previously reported about the June demands for records related ‘to the signing or mailing of any document purporting to be a Certificate certifying Elector votes in favor of Donald J. Trump and/or Michael R. Pence,’ ” [Devlin Barrett and Yvonne Wingett Sanchez report](#).

... and beyond

The inside story of how John Roberts failed to save abortion rights



A demonstrator holds a sign with pictures of Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas, Brett M. Kavanaugh, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett and Neil M. Gorsuch during a protest outside the U.S. Supreme Court on May 3. (Jacquelyn Martin/AP)

“Chief Justice **John Roberts** privately lobbied fellow conservatives to save the constitutional right to abortion down to the bitter end, but May’s unprecedented leak of a draft opinion reversing *Roe v. Wade* made the effort all but impossible,” multiple sources familiar with negotiations told **CNN's Joan Biskupic**.

ICYMI: QAnon candidates aren't thriving, but some of their ideas are

“The Republican Party flirted with QAnon in 2020, as several Q-linked candidates sought higher office and Q merchandise appeared at rallies for then-President Donald J. Trump across the country. Yet identifying with the movement emerged as a political liability. As they have during this election cycle, Democrats attacked Q-linked candidates as extremists, and all but two — Representatives **Marjorie Taylor Greene** of Georgia and **Lauren Boebert** of Colorado — lost their races,” the **New York Times's** Stuart A. Thompson reports.

“But many QAnon themes have burrowed deeper into mainstream Republican politics this year, experts say, including the false belief that ‘evil’ deep-state operatives control the government and that Mr. Trump is waging a war against them. **Savvy candidates have found ways to tap that excitement — all without explicitly mentioning the conspiracy theory.**”

Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare

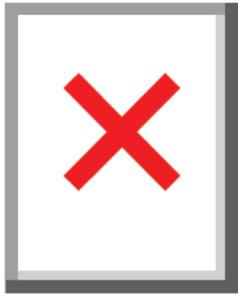
“New, untested abortion bans have made doctors unsure about treating some pregnancy complications, which has led to life-threatening delays and trapped families in a limbo of grief and helplessness,” **NPR's** Carrie Feibel reports.

“**Elizabeth Weller** never dreamed that her own hopes for a child would become ensnared in the web of Texas abortion law.”



The Biden agenda

Biden administration weighs declaring monkeypox a health emergency



President Biden speaks on the phone from the White House's Truman Ba cony on Monday. (Adam Schu tz/White House/AP)

“The Biden administration is weighing whether to declare the nation’s monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency **and also plans to name a White House coordinator to oversee the response as officials attempt to keep the virus from becoming entrenched in the United States,**” Dan Diamond reports.

Biden goes silent after SCOTUS gives him power to nix Trump immigration policy

“The White House and Department of Homeland Security have been mum on their plans following the Supreme Court’s ruling. Immigration advocates asking about next steps have been met with a similar silence. In that void, a question has emerged: What, exactly, is the hold up?” Politico's Sabrina Rodriguez reports.

Biden moves to reinstate health protections for LGBTQ Americans

“The proposed rule issued by the Department of Health and Human Services seeks to clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex includes decisions regarding ‘pregnancy termination,’ ” Dan Diamond and Rachel Roubain report. **“Health-care organizations that receive federal funding would also be barred from discriminating against gender transitions and other services that have increasingly become the target of state legislative battles and litigation.** Officials also stressed that the new federal anti-discrimination language covers a patient’s sexual orientation and gender identity.”

U.S. officials grow more concerned about potential action by China on Taiwan

“The Biden administration has grown increasingly anxious this summer about China’s statements and actions regarding Taiwan, with some officials fearing that Chinese leaders might try to move against the self-governing island over the next year and a half — perhaps by trying to cut off access to all or part of the Taiwan Strait, through which U.S. naval ships regularly pass,” the NYT's Edward Wong, David E. Sanger and Amy Qin report.

Biden poised for big wins in Congress

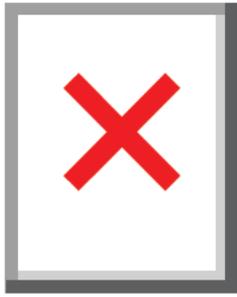
“The first major prescription drug legislation in nearly 20 years. More than \$50 billion to subsidize computer chip manufacturing and research. A bill that would enshrine protection for same-sex marriage,” Yasmeen Abutaleb and Mike DeBonis report.

“After a turbulent stretch in which much of President Biden’s legislative agenda seemed to be foundering, **the president and his party may be on the cusp of significant wins in Congress that the White House hopes will provide at least a modest political boost.**”



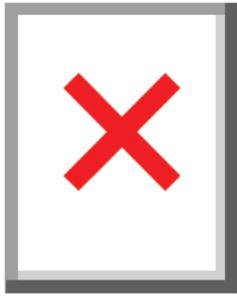
How inflation has changed, visualized

“At the start, inflation could be dodged by holding onto that old car or avoiding air travel. Now, record prices are concentrated on essentials such as groceries, housing and energy, raising the cost of just getting by for many,” Alyssa Fowers explains.



Hot on the left

- GOP lawmaker opposed same-sex marriage, then went to gay son's wedding



Rep. Genn Thompson (R-Pa.), shown here in 2010, joined 156 other Republican House members earlier this month in opposing the Respect for Marriage Act. (Haraz N. Ghanbari/AP)

“Rep. **Glenn Thompson** (R-Pa.) last week voted against federal legislation that would require states to recognize same-sex marriages. Three days later, the congressman attended his son’s same-sex wedding,” [Jonathan Edwards reports](#).

Thompson's press secretary, Maddison Stone

“Congressman and Mrs. Thompson were thrilled to attend and celebrate their son's marriage on Friday night as he began this new chapter in his life. The Thompsons are very happy to welcome their new son-in-law into their family.”

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Hot on the right

The conservative take on why Congress should codify same-sex marriage

For the **WSJ**, former U.S. solicitor general **Theodore B. Olson** and former chairman of the Republican National Committee **Kenneth B. Mehlman** explain why they think Congress should pass the Respect for Marriage Act.

“The act would codify recognition of same-sex marriages in the U.S. at the federal, state and local levels. It's unlikely that a subsequent Supreme Court decision would overturn Obergefell, **but it would be foolhardy to take for granted that lower courts or future justices couldn't adopt similar views as those expressed in Justice Thomas's concurrence or attempt to weaken the rights that accompany civil marriage.**”

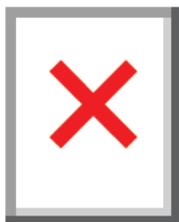
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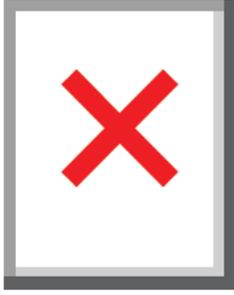
At 2 p.m., Biden will meet virtually with the chairman of the SK Group.
Commerce Secretary **Gina Raimondo** will join.

Biden will virtually join the House Disabilities Caucus to mark the 32nd anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act at 5 p.m.

✘ **In closing**

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- 9:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Executive Business Meeting.
- 10:00 AM: House Judiciary Committee: The Patent Trial and Appeal Board After 10 Years, Part II: Implications of Adjudicating in an Agency Setting.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Reuters: U.S. announces \$1.2 bln healthcare crackdown tied to telehealth, cardiovascular tests, Sarah N. Lynch, July 20, 2022, 2:41 PM

The U.S. Justice Department unveiled a \$1.2 billion healthcare fraud crackdown on Wednesday, revealing criminal charges against 36 defendants for alleged fraudulent billing schemes tied to telemedicine, genetic and

cardiovascular testing, and equipment. The criminal charges, which were unsealed across 13 federal districts between July 11 through July 20, target clinical laboratory owners, marketers, medical professionals and telemedicine executives. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [Law360](#), [UPI](#)

Bloomberg: Treasury Official Sees Price Cap on Russian Oil by December, Daniel Flatley, July 20, 2022, 10:03 PM

A price cap on Russian oil should go into effect alongside the December implementation of the European Union's restrictions on insurance for the commodity, a Biden administration official said Wednesday night. [...] Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, who joined Adeyemo on stage in Aspen, said the Justice Department is asking Congress for the authority to go after networks of Russian oligarchs and sanctions evaders using racketeering statutes the agency used to attack the mafia. She said the department's KleptoCapture task force had seized several yachts, including one on which a rare Faberge egg was discovered. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Attorney General Merrick Garland Says Government Could Sue States Over Abortion Access, Sadie Gurman, July 20, 2022, 6:01 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland threatened to sue states that have outlawed or restricted abortion since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* last month—and said the Justice Department would ask a judge to toss out a Texas lawsuit seeking to block federal rules requiring doctors to perform abortions in emergency situations “The Justice Department is going to use every tool we have to ensure reproductive freedom,” Mr. Garland said on Wednesday, adding that its lawyers would be looking at options including initiating litigation or joining private lawsuits against state abortion restrictions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Merrick Garland: Nothing to prevent investigating Trump or anyone else for Jan. 6 attack, Bart Jansen, July 20, 2022, 3:43 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland reiterated Wednesday he would pursue investigations into the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021, by following the facts and the law, after some advocates worried a recent memo signaled he would avoid investigating former President Donald Trump. “No person is above the law in this country,” Garland said. “I can't say it any more clearly than that. There is nothing in the principles of prosecution and any other factors which prevent us from investigating anyone – anyone – who is criminally responsible for an attempt to undo a democratic election.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland doesn't have forever, Richard Ben-Veniste, July 20, 2022, 1:29 PM

Let's take Attorney General Merrick Garland at his word that he is vigorously investigating Donald Trump and the apparent conspiracy that led to the violent coup attempt at the U.S. Capitol 18 months ago. My guess is that Garland should be able to make the decision on whether there is enough evidence to indict the former president for the crime of conspiracy to defraud the United States and/or related felonies in six months' time. That decision should be based solely on whether the evidence is sufficient to convince a jury, beyond a reasonable doubt, of Trump's guilt — not on political considerations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Some good news: Trump seems closer than ever to prosecution, Jennifer Rubin, July 20, 2022, 12:00 PM

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco reiterated on Tuesday that regarding the Justice Department's Jan. 6 investigation, the department will “continue to do our job, to follow the facts wherever they go, no matter where they lead, no matter to what level” — and regardless of whether defeated former president Donald Trump runs for president. She added, “We're going to continue to investigate what was fundamentally an attack on our democracy.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Merrick Garland rebuffs speculation that the DOJ isn't probing potential crimes concerning the Capitol riot: 'We do not do our investigations in public', Cheryl Teh, July 21, 2022, 5:00 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has rebuffed speculation over the Department of Justice's perceived inaction

over the January 6 investigation. During a meeting with the DOJ on Wednesday, Garland said there was "a lot of speculation" over what the department is or isn't doing, and the theories it is working on. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] 'We have to get this right': Garland projects discipline on Trump election rejection probe, July 21, 2022, 12:00 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland addressed concerns that he would put political considerations ahead of pursuing a case against Donald Trump, calling the DOJ investigation of Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election "the most wide-ranging investigation, and the most important investigation that the Justice Department has ever entered into." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Republicans investigate Biden's firing of Trump-appointed immigration judges, Anna Giaritelli, July 20, 2022, 8:29 PM

The top two Republicans for judicial matters in the House and Senate have launched an investigation to determine if the Biden administration terminated federal immigration judges and replaced them with more progressive judges. Republicans on the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, Sen. Chuck Grassley (IA) and Rep. Jim Jordan (OH), sent Attorney General Merrick Garland a letter Wednesday demanding answers about the Department of Justice's termination of several judges who were hired during the Trump administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Garland affirms no one off limits in Jan. 6 inquiry after election memo leak, Ryan King, July 20, 2022, 7:02 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland declared Wednesday that no one is off limits from the Department of Justice's inquiry into the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The remarks were seemingly intended to assuage anxious Democrats and others concerned that the Justice Department would lay off former President Donald Trump after MSNBC host Rachel Maddow reported on a May 25 "Election Year Sensitivities" memo signed by Garland. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Mail: [VIDEO] AG Garland: Jan 6th 'most important investigation ever' for department, July 20, 2022, 6:25 PM

Video: Liz Cheney and Bennie Thompson say they have 'concerns' about Secret Service system that led to texts being 'purged' after January 6 and says they could have violated federal law. Attorney General Merrick Garland labeled the January 6th investigation into the Capitol riots by Donald Trump supporters as the 'most important investigation ever' for the Justice Department. [[Watch](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

Law360: NJ Announces Alliance With Feds To Protect Abortion Access, Hailey Fowler, July 20, 2022, 6:09 PM

Acting New Jersey Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin and U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey Philip R. Sellinger announced plans on Wednesday to join forces in the Democratic-controlled state's fight to protect abortion access after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last month overturning Roe v. Wade. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [New Jersey Advance Media](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

USA Today: 'We going in or we staying here?' Chaos, confusion captured on Uvalde police bodycams, Trevor Hughes, Daphne Duret and Dennis Wagner, July 21, 2022, 5:01 AM

Pistol in his hands, Uvalde school police officer Ruben Ruiz pushed his way through the knot of heavily armed police officers waiting around a corner from where his wife was dying on the floor of her classroom. "She says she's shot, Johnny," said Ruiz, imploring Constable John Field to let him through. Field refused, snaking an arm around the distraught man's neck, stopping him from trying to rescue his wife. As many as a dozen officers were

crowded in the hallway, waiting to be told to make a move. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: U.S. expanding list of 'corrupt' officials in Central America, Tracy Wilkinson, July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM
The Biden administration is significantly expanding a list of Central American officials deemed too corrupt to work with or to be allowed to enter the United States. The list, first developed last year under congressional mandate, will make it difficult for some Central American governments to do business in Washington and will complicate Washington's efforts to fight illegal immigration from the so-called Northern Triangle countries — El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala — because numerous potential partners would be disqualified. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: How easy is it to get the material to make a dirty bomb? Very, report says, Laura Strickler, Stephanie Gosk and Rich Schapiro, July 20, 2022, 5:31 PM
All it takes to obtain enough radioactive material to build a dirty bomb is a fake company and forged licenses, according to a new government watchdog report. The report by the Government Accountability Office, exclusively obtained by NBC News, details how easily a bad actor could get their hands on the kind of materials that could then be used to cause "hundreds of deaths from evacuations and billions of dollars of socioeconomic effects." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: In Harvard study of Jan. 6 rioters, top motivation is clear: Trump, Ben Collins, Ryan J. Reilly and Jacob Ward, July 20, 2022, 4:27 PM
Researchers at Harvard University who conducted the largest study yet of what motivated Jan. 6 rioters say the data is clear: The most common responses focused on former President Donald Trump and his lies about the election. The study, which was shared with NBC News ahead of its publication, logged and analyzed the motives of 417 Capitol rioters, all of whom have been charged in relation to Jan. 6. The motives were derived from 469 documents filed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, including charging documents and sentencing memoranda. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: Frederick investigating possible network hack, David Matthau, July 20, 2022, 12:38 PM
Town officials in Frederick called the FBI after it detected unauthorized activity on the town's computer network. Town officials say a group known for ransomware attacks alleged it hacked into the network. The police, FBI and digital forensic experts were immediately notified, and the town says it secured the network. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: FBI Director Wray warns of China, Russia, and Iran trying to interfere in midterm elections, Jerry Dunleavy, July 20, 2022, 4:13 PM
FBI Director Christopher Wray warned about the governments of China, Russia, and Iran potentially trying to meddle in or influence the midterm elections. "I think we're concerned about the same usual suspects in terms of nation states — Russia, Iran, China, each in their own way," Wray said, according to Fordham University, which was hosting the International Conference on Cybersecurity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: An Oklahoma bakery owner faces January 6 charges after her friends tipped off the FBI, C. Ryan Barber, July 20, 2022, 11:02 AM
A day after joining fellow Trump supporters in storming the Capitol, Dova Winegeart sent a text message to a friend: "It got crazy," she said. "I did shit." On Tuesday, more than 18 months after January 6, 2021, the FBI arrested Winegeart on a raft of charges stemming from the Capitol attack, in which prosecutors said she swung a wooden pole with metal spikes into a glass door leading into the House of Representatives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPGG-AM (Atlantic City, NJ): FBI Warns NJ Residents to Beware of a Wild New Ransomware Twist, David Matthau, July 20, 2022, 10:03 PM
For years we've been hearing about tech-savvy criminals launching ransomware attacks, taking over individual and business computer systems and then demanding a big payday to free up those systems, but the FBI is warning New Jerseyans that ransomware has now moved to a whole new level. Jim Dennehy, the special agent in charge

of the FBI's Newark Field Office, said ransomware expertise is now being offered as a service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): Sparta woman sentenced after pleading guilty to terrorism charges, aiding foreign terrorist organization, Ethan Illers, July 20, 2022, 12:10 PM

A woman from Sparta, Tennessee was sentenced to five and a half years in prison on Friday after pleading guilty to providing support and materials intended to go to a foreign terrorist organization. A release from the Department of Justice says in August 2019, a federal grand jury indicted 37-year-old Georgianna A.M. Giampietro on charges of attempting to provide material support to a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WZTV-Fox \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: Ex-Trump aide Bannon to seek dismissal of criminal contempt of Congress charges, Sarah N. Lynch, July 21, 2022, 6:12 AM

Former President Donald Trump's adviser Steve Bannon will ask a federal judge on Thursday to dismiss criminal charges alleging he willfully defied a subpoena by a congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Evan Corcoran, one of Bannon's defense attorneys, notified U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols of his plans to seek to have the charges dismissed on Wednesday, shortly after the prosecution rested its case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Jan. 6 panel probes Trump's 187 minutes as Capitol attacked, Booker And Wyden, Lisa Mascaró, Mary Clare Jalonick And Farnoush Amiri, July 21, 2022, 3:00 AM

The House Jan. 6 committee will hold its final hearing of the summer the way the series began — vividly making the case that Donald Trump's lies about a stolen election fueled the grisly U.S. Capitol attack, which he did nothing to stop but instead “gleefully” watched on television at the White House. Thursday's prime-time hearing will dive into the 187 minutes that Trump failed to act on Jan. 6, 2021, despite pleas for help from aides, allies and even his family. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#)

Reuters: Trump letter allowed as evidence in ex-adviser Bannon's trial, Sarah N. Lynch, July 20, 2022, 5:43 PM

The judge in Steve Bannon's trial on Wednesday let the defense inform jurors that Donald Trump this month gave the green light for his former presidential adviser to testify before the congressional committee probing last year's U.S. Capitol attack after previously asking him not to cooperate. U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols made the ruling - a potential boost to Bannon's defense - on the second day of trial testimony in federal court. Bannon, 68, has pleaded not guilty to two misdemeanor counts of contempt of Congress for defying the House of Representatives select committee's subpoena for testimony and documents as part of its inquiry into the Jan. 6, 2021, rampage by Trump supporters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. Secret Service turns over records to Jan. 6 committee, panel wants more, Katharine Jackson, July 20, 2022, 5:07 PM

The U.S. Secret Service has turned over a text message conversation from Jan. 6, 2021, to the congressional committee probing the Capitol attack and said it was trying to find out whether other texts may have been lost, according to a letter released by the agency on Wednesday. The Secret Service said the conversation, between Capitol Police and the Secret Service, had been identified in response to a request by the Department of Homeland Security inspector general for text messages sent or received by 24 Secret Service members between Dec. 7, 2020 and Jan. 8, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Bannon's team raises question about House subpoena deadline, Ashraf Khalil, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM
Steve Bannon's lawyers tried Wednesday to establish at his criminal contempt trial that the deadline for the one

time strategist for Donald Trump to appear before the House committee investigating the Capitol riot was flexible as long as the two sides were on negotiating terms. But the committee's chief counsel said Bannon was uncooperative from the start, so there was no such leeway. Bannon, who was an unofficial adviser to the then-president at the time of the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, is charged with defying a congressional subpoena that sought his records and testimony. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Big question for Jan. 6 committee: Did Trump aide Mark Meadows help stop – or fuel – the insurrection?, Josh Meyer, July 21, 2022, 5:00 AM

As an angry mob of Donald Trump supporters attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and came close to violently overturning the 2020 election, there was one person standing between the president and the many people desperately trying to get him to call off the insurrection. That person, Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, has fought tooth and nail to avoid testifying before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol and turning over documents and records that the investigative panel has subpoenaed from him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Hearing Finale to Make Case of Trump as Derelict in Duty, Billy House, July 21, 2022, 4:00 AM

Former President Donald Trump's 187 minutes of inaction as an armed mob attacked the US Capitol will be the focus of a second prime-time hearing Thursday by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection. The panel's eighth hearing since June 9 starts at 8 p.m. and is intended to be the caper of that series. Committee members say additional hearings could be scheduled in coming months as witnesses come forward and release of a final report is being pushed back. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [USA Today](#)

WaPo: Elaine Luria prepares to lead Jan. 6 hearing, connect Trump to violence, Meagan Flynn and Jacqueline Alemany, July 20, 2022, 9:39 PM

She couldn't forget the time: 1:46 p.m. It was the moment Rep. Elaine Luria (D-Va.) evacuated her office on Jan. 6, 2021, after police found pipe bombs on Capitol Hill. A year later, on Jan. 6, 2022, it was the exact same time Luria announced her reelection campaign — unmistakably linking her bid for a third term representing a swing district on the Virginia coast to her service on the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Even a day after Jan. 6, Trump balked at condemning the violence, Amy Gardner, Josh Dawsey and Paul Kane, July 20, 2022, 7:37 PM

One day after the last rioter had left the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, President Donald Trump's advisers urged him to give an address to the nation to condemn the violence, demand accountability for those who had stormed the halls of Congress and declare the 2020 election to be decided. He struggled to do it. Over the course of an hour of trying to tape the message, Trump resisted holding the rioters to account, trying to call them patriots, and refused to say the election was over, according to individuals familiar with the work of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Jan. 6 committee repeatedly warned Steve Bannon of possible criminal prosecution for defying subpoena, Kevin Johnson, July 20, 2022, 3:51 PM

The chief counsel of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack told a federal court jury Wednesday that former White House strategist Steve Bannon was put on notice multiple times in October that he faced the threat of criminal prosecution for defying the panel's requests for documents and testimony. In the second day of testimony in Bannon's contempt trial, Kristin Amerling said Bannon's attorney only notified the committee after a deadline had passed for the production of a trove of documents that he believed to be exempted from complying because former President Donald Trump had intended to invoke executive privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

CNN: [ANALYSIS] Even as the Jan. 6 committee exposes Trump, he's still trying to steal the last election, Stephen Collinson, July 21, 2022, 12:12 AM

Donald Trump keeps proving the House January 6 committee's case. Even as the panel holds its latest prime-time hearing Thursday on the ex-President's abuses of power after the 2020 election, Trump is aiming new assaults at the integrity of US democracy that send a warning about how he would behave if the White House bid he is itching to launch ever returns him to power. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Jan. 6 committee has outtakes of Trump's message to supporters day after riot, Ryan Nobles, Zachary Cohen, Annie Grayer and Jamie Gangel, July 21, 2022, 12:00 AM

The House select committee investigating the insurrection has in its possession video outtakes of then-President Donald Trump's message to his supporters on January 7, 2021, the day after the riot at the US Capitol. The outtakes, first reported by The Washington Post, were part of production of a speech Trump gave the night after the riot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Takeaways from Day 3 of the Steve Bannon contempt of Congress trial, Tierney Sneed and Katelyn Polantz, July 20, 2022, 5:56 PM

Prosecutors rested their case against Steve Bannon on the third day of his trial, having kept to an approach to keep things simple and straightforward for the jury. To present their evidence that Bannon, the ex-adviser to former President Donald Trump, was in contempt of Congress for not complying with a subpoena in the House January 6 investigation, the Justice Department put only two witnesses on the stand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Trump: 'I want the Secret Service tapes far more' than the Jan. 6 committee, Jared Gans, July 20, 2022, 9:38 AM

Former President Trump said in a post on his social media platform Truth Social that he wants records from the Secret Service "far more" than the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. He said the records would show that he did not lunge at a Secret Service agent and grab the steering wheel of a presidential vehicle when he was told that he could not go to the Capitol during the riot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Four indicted in smuggling incident that killed 53 migrants in Texas, David Lynch, July 20, 2022, 9:50 PM

A U.S. grand jury on Wednesday indicted four men including the suspected driver in connection with the death of 53 migrants amid the sweltering heat during a smuggling attempt last month in Texas, federal prosecutors said on Wednesday. Dozens of migrants were packed into the back of a tractor-trailer that was found on the outskirts of San Antonio on June 27, officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [USA Today](#)

AP: Alaska man sentenced in illegal guide service case, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 6:00 PM

A man has been sentenced to six months in prison for illegally selling big game guiding services, the Alaska U.S. attorney's office said Wednesday. Stephen Jeremy Hicks signed a plea agreement last year, pleading guilty to a Lacey Act violation. The document states that in 2018, Hicks sold conducted [sic] a guided hunt and that the hunt took place on federally managed land. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KINY \(Juneau, AK\)](#)

AP: Giuliani ordered to testify in Georgia 2020 election probe, Kate Brumback, July 20, 2022, 4:00 PM

A judge in New York has ordered Rudy Giuliani to appear next month before a special grand jury in Atlanta that's investigating whether former President Donald Trump and others illegally tried to interfere in the 2020 general election in Georgia. New York Supreme Court Justice Thomas Farber on July 13 issued an order directing Giuliani, a Trump lawyer and former New York City mayor, to appear before the special grand jury on Aug. 9 and

on any other dates ordered by the court in Atlanta, according to documents filed Wednesday in Fulton County Superior Court. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Nurse gets year in prison for replacing fentanyl with saline, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 3:00 PM
A nurse who previously worked at a Florida hospital has been sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison for stealing fentanyl and replacing the powerful pain medication with saline. Monique Elizabeth Carter, 36, of Middleburg, was sentenced Tuesday in Jacksonville federal court, according to court records. She pleaded guilty in April to tampering with a consumer product. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Erie Times-News (Erie, PA): Erie woman sentenced for stealing \$128,000 in deceased dad's Social Security benefits, Ed Palattella, July 20, 2022, 10:01 PM
After her father died in December 2006, Erie resident Loreleigh Helen Barber said she became dependent on his Social Security disability insurance benefits because she needed extra income. The dependency lasted for more than a decade. Barber — who was her father's designated payee when he was alive — failed to report her father's death to the Social Security Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): Former DJ's owner that kept money from employees' checks sentenced to 2 years in prison, Fernando Alba, July 20, 2022, 8:59 PM
A former Syracuse-area business owner was sentenced to two years in prison Wednesday for failing to pay more than \$600,000 in payroll taxes, federal prosecutors said. Dean Whittles admitted to withholding Social Security and Medicare tax payments to the government while still taking money from his employees' checks, according to a news release by the U.S. Attorney's Office Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

El Paso Times (El Paso, TX): Former Horizon High teacher Ricardo Ortiz gets life in online teen sex case, Daniel Borunda, July 20, 2022, 8:23 PM
A former Horizon High School teacher was sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday for trying to seduce online a 14-year-old boy who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas said. An investigation found that 31-year-old Ricardo Ortiz had past sexual encounters with three minors in the El Paso area and child pornography was also found on his electronic devices, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Morristown Green (Morristown, NJ): Randolph man convicted in health insurance scheme involving former Morris Township school principal, Kevin Coughlin, July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM
A federal jury has convicted a Randolph man for scheming to defraud public health benefits plans by ordering medically unnecessary compound prescriptions. Matthew Puccio, 40, will face up to 10 years in prison and fines of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from his crime, when sentenced this fall, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Kentucky Today: 2 men receive lengthy sentences for distributing meth in central Ky., Tom Latek, July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM
Two men, in separate cases, have received lengthy prison sentences at U.S. District Court in Lexington for their roles in two conspiracies to distribute large amounts of crystal methamphetamine in central Kentucky. According to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of Kentucky, William R. Hargis, 24, of Danville, was sentenced to 35 years in prison, after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 52.5 pounds of crystal meth, possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WKYT-CBS/CW \(Lexington, KY\)](#)

The Advocate (New Orleans, LA): New Orleans, Hammond lab executives charged in \$1 billion federal fraud scheme, Joseph Cranney, July 20, 2022, 6:26 PM
Medical providers in Hammond and New Orleans helped spearhead a nationwide scheme that duped patients into

agreeing to unnecessary medical testing, enriched a vast network of conspirators and involved more than \$1 billion in fraudulent Medicare claims, according to indictments announced Wednesday. The federal charges of fraud, conspiracy, money laundering and paying illegal kickbacks target Hammond's Christopher Thigpen and Jamie McNamara, a Missouri man who opened three labs in New Orleans. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Kentucky Today: **Wanted Louisville man faces additional charges**, Tom Latek, July 20, 2022, 6:00 PM
A Louisville man who was shot by Louisville Metro Police officers after he opened fire on them on July 10 at an outdoor basketball tournament now faces federal charges stemming from the incident. LMPD officers who were working at Shawnee Park during the tournament recognized 30-year-old Herbert Lee, who had 12 charges in outstanding warrants against him. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHAS-ABC \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

Pioneer Press (Saint Paul, MN): **Maplewood man sentenced to prison for illegal possession of a firearm**, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:08 PM
A Maplewood man was sentenced in federal court to more than six years in prison with three more on supervised release for illegally possessing a firearm as a felon. On Oct. 12, 2021, Metro Transit Police Officers were dispatched after a report of a vehicle stuck on the light rail tracks in St. Paul. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Evansville Courier & Press: **Boonville man sentenced to prison after allegedly embezzling over \$400,000**, Houston Harwood, July 20, 2022, 3:29 PM
A Boonville man was sentenced to serve two years in federal prison Tuesday for reportedly embezzling over \$400,000. Kyle D. Hollman, 33, previously pleaded guilty in federal court to felony wire fraud after prosecutors accused him of repeatedly stealing from his employer, ProLift Toyota Material Handling. According to court records, Hollman's job focused on the procurement of aluminum from Aleris Rolled Products. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WEHT-ABC \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WEVV-CBS/Fox \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WFIE-NBC \(Evansville, IN\)](#)

Daily Voice (Baltimore, MD): **Baltimore Drug Dealer Sentenced For Selling Heroin, Fentanyl Across Four States**, Annie DeVoe, July 20, 2022, 2:25 PM
A Baltimore man has been sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to possessing and distributing controlled substances, officials say. Devin Cunningham, 27, was involved in the selling and distributing of narcotics including fentanyl, heroin, and other controlled substances to Maryland and surrounding states from 2017 until 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Republican (Springfield, MA): **Massachusetts man who tried to sell gun on Snapchat gets prison time for illegal firearm possession**, Will Katcher, July 20, 2022, 12:04 PM
A Massachusetts man tried to sell multiple handguns and a rifle over Snapchat, posting to the social media application that he was "trying to get rid of" the weapons, according to federal investigators. Unbeknownst to the man, one of his social media followers was a police detective. Juan Aparicio, of Lowell, pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm and was sentenced in United States District Court last week to seven years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHDH \(Boston, MA\)](#)

Fresno Bee: **Oceanfront apartment in California funded by \$27 million COVID scam, feds say**, Don Sweeney, July 20, 2022, 5:33 PM
A California man accused of seeking \$27 million in fraudulent paycheck protection loans during the COVID-19 pandemic will spend 11 years in prison, federal officials reported. A jury convicted Robert Benlevi, 53, of Encino in March on charges of bank fraud, making false statements to a financial institution and money laundering, a July 19 news release from the U.S. Department of Justice said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGHP-Fox (High Point, NC): **North Carolina man sentenced to 14 years after stealing Maserati, robbing shop at gunpoint: Judge**, Connor Lomis, July 21, 2022, 5:44 AM
A man was sentenced to 14 years in prison for stealing a Maserati and robbing a pawn shop at gunpoint,

according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Jango Touray, 27, of Charlotte, was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release. Court documents show on February 8, 2019, Touray robbed Gulf Export, a car dealership on the 3330 block of North Tryon Street near Guy East Suddreth Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WIS-NBC (Columbia, SC): Columbia man sentenced in hotel drugs, firearms case, Nevin Smith, July 20, 2022, 11:36 PM

A Columbia man is facing over a decade in prison after being sentenced to federal prison. Ralph Allison Pitt, Jr., was arrested on Dec. 6, 2017. Evidence at court said federal agents and officers with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (ACHIDTA) took part in a search warrant of a hotel room shared by Pitt and a co-defendant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZY-Fox (Charlotte, NC): Convicted felon sentenced for selling firearms without license and illegal gun possession, Joey Gill, July 20, 2022, 11:09 PM

A convicted felon was sentenced in federal court to more than 12 years in prison for selling firearms without a license and illegal gun possession. According to the U.S. District Attorney's Office, 38-year-old Anthony Dewayne Daye of Statesville will also have to serve three years of supervise [sic] release once he is released from prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTOP-FM (Washington, DC): Md. man gets 8 years for using Library of Congress network to access child pornography, Abigail Constantino, July 20, 2022, 9:30 PM

A former federal employee from Maryland will serve eight years in prison for using the wireless network at the Library of Congress to download and view videos and images showing the sexual abuse of young children. Gary Lee Peksa, 58, of Mechanicsville, pleaded guilty last December to the charge of receiving child pornography, and he was sentenced Wednesday, a U.S. Attorney's Office District of Columbia news release said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): Federal indictment formally charges primary suspects in San Antonio human-smuggling tragedy, David Lynch, July 20, 2022, 9:26 PM

The two suspects at the center of last month's human-smuggling disaster that left 53 migrants dead were indicted by a San Antonio grand jury on Wednesday, formally charging them with several charges that could amount to life in prison or even the death penalty if they're convicted. Officials said the suspected driver of the sweltering semitruck, 46-year-old Homero Zamorano, was arrested in a field near the site of law enforcement's response, where he was attempting to blend in with the dozens of migrants. Later, 28-year-old Christian Martinez was taken into custody after texts from Zamorano's phone pointed to him as an alleged conspirator in the tragic episode. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): Smyrna treatment clinic owner convicted of distributing unlawful opioids, Mary Alice Royse, July 20, 2022, 8:06 PM

A federal jury in Nashville convicted a physician Tuesday for unlawfully distributing opioids from his Smyrna clinic. Officials said Hau T. La, 54, of Brentwood, owned and operated Absolute Medical Care, which closed in the Spring of 2021. According to court documents, La purportedly provided addiction treatment as his primary practice but prescribed opioid pain pills to some of his patients despite red flags for addiction and abuse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRMG-AM (Tulsa, OK): Two Tulsa men plead guilty to witness tampering in carjacking case, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 6:37 PM

Two Tulsa men have been convicted in federal court for tampering with witnesses slated to testify in court proceedings regarding a carjacking, announced U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson. Ulysses Semion Washington, 34, and Derius Donovan Ledet, 32, each pleaded guilty to tampering with a witness, victim, and informant by corrupt persuasion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJCL-ABC (Savannah, GA): Federal grand jury indicts Alex Murdaugh cohort, former bank CEO on fraud charges, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 6:26 PM

The United States Attorney's Office District of South Carolina released the following statement Wednesday regarding former Palmetto State Bank head Russell Laffitte. Laffitte and double murder suspect Alex Murdaugh were indicted on several fraud charges back in May. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): 3 men headed to federal prison in connection to 'Blue Heroin' conspiracy, Danica Sauter, July 20, 2022, 6:13 PM

Three men, who were indicted in February 2020 in connection to a deadly heroin and fentanyl distribution network, will be headed to federal prison. 26-year-old Marquel Peoples and 28-year-old Christopher Johnson made appearances in the U.S. District Court to answer a 15-count indictment, which charged them with intent to distribute heroin, fentanyl, and carfentanil, and various counts of possession with intent to distribute and distribution of heroin and fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): Union City felon sentenced to over 12 years for drug, firearm charges, Kyle Peppers, July 20, 2022, 6:00 PM

A news release from the U.S. Department of Justice states that 34-year-old Mark Allen Branch pled guilty to possession of over 50 grams of actual methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The release states on January 15, 2020, officers with the Dyer County Sheriff's Department conducted a traffic stop on a green Pontiac Bonneville for a registration violation, and Branch was in the front passenger seat. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Minneapolis pharmacist pleads guilty to misappropriating and adulterating medication, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:33 PM

A woman accused of stealing pain medication from her employer while working as a pharmacist pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court on Tuesday. Jennifer Lee Draheim, 42, a pharmacist at Coburn's Pharmacy in Ramsey, pleaded guilty yesterday to misappropriating and adulteration of a drug. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): Drug dealers sentenced for smuggling meth into the Tri-State, Aaron Chatman, July 20, 2022, 5:29 PM

Two Kentucky residents will soon be doing time in prison for dealing drugs in Evansville and Henderson. James Shultz, 37, of Louisville, Ky., was sentenced to 15 years for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. On Jan. 5, 2021, codefendant Sheena Garrett, 35, of Henderson, Ky., was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDRB-Fox \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

KTRK-ABC (Houston, TX): Controversial platform Kik at center of League City man's child porn conviction, prosecutors say, Daniel Borunda, July 20, 2022, 5:20 PM

A League City man heading to federal prison pleaded guilty in a child pornography case in which prosecutors accused him of sharing a graphic image that he claimed involved his 3-year-old daughter. Scott Jacob McGuire, 38, was sentenced Wednesday to 35 years in prison. U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery's Office revealed McGuire pleaded guilty in August 2021 to production and possession of child pornography following an investigation into his exchanges on social media messenger Kik, a controversial platform that has been criticized over the ease of explicit messaging between minors and adults. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Berwyn man previously convicted of kidnapping, murder sentenced to nearly 6 years for possession of firearm, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:18 PM

A man who was previously convicted of a kidnapping and murder in Chicago has been sentenced to nearly six years for illegally possessing a loaded handgun, officials announced Wednesday. Darnell Luckett, 51, of Berwyn, pleaded guilty earlier this year to a federal charge of illegal possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAFB-CBS (Baton Rouge, LA): Judge sentences Baton Rouge man for receiving child porn, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:06 PM

A Baton Rouge man will spend six and a half years behind bars after being convicted of receiving child pornography. U.S. Chief Judge Shelly D. Dick sentenced Jason L. Istre, 45, of Baton Rouge, to 78 months in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for the receipt of child pornography, according to U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Gathe Jr.'s Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Undocumented immigrant sentenced to prison for stealing nearly 600 DETR account numbers across Las Vegas, David Charns, July 20, 2022, 5:33 PM

A Romanian national who entered the United States illegally and who stole bank account information from hundreds of people will serve three years in prison, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. When police arrested Marian Poenaru, 21, last year, they found 12 skimming devices and 575 forged cards that had been reencoded with DETR account information, the 8 News Now I-Team reported. Poenaru had also entered the country illegally, officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WNBC-NBC (New York, NY): Man Arrested For \$10M Tech Support Scheme That Targeted 7,500 Elderly People: Feds, Jordan Honeycutt, July 20, 2022, 4:36 PM

A 34-year-old man is facing a litany of charges after being accused of defrauding at least 7,500 elderly victims out of a total of \$10,000,000 in a tech support scheme, federal prosecutors in New York announced Wednesday. Vinoth Ponmara, a citizen of India, is charged with one count of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): Men sentenced for roles in gas station skimming scheme, Sara Rizzo, July 20, 2022, 4:14 PM

Two Florida men have been sentenced for their roles in a nationwide gas station skimming scheme. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) said Hugo Hernandez, 35, of Miami Lakes, Florida, was sentenced to five years in prison, and Marlon Palacios, 38, of Cape Coral, Florida, was sentenced to four months in jail. As part of his guilty plea on October 22, 2021, Hernandez admitted that between December 2015 and July 2019, he conspired with others to commit fraud by building skimming devices to steal gas station customer information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSAZ-NBC (Huntington, WV): Pennsylvania man sentenced for soliciting 14-year-old girl for sex, Eric Fossell, July 20, 2022, 4:12 PM

A man from Pennsylvania was sentenced Wednesday to more than seven years in prison for soliciting a 14-year-old girl in Clay County, West Virginia, for sexual activity. James Russell Loar, Jr., 40, of Washington, Pennsylvania, received a sentence of seven years and three months, followed by 15 years of supervised release, the U.S. Department of Justice said. Loar also must register as a sex offender. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJHL-CBS/ABC (Johnson City, TN): California pair indicted for supplying fentanyl linked to teen ODs, Emily Hibbitts, July 20, 2022, 4:07 PM

A California pair has been indicted for supplying fentanyl linked to Wise County teen overdoses. According to a release, a federal grand jury has charged Alexander Ortiz, 35, of Fullerton, Calif. and Jorge Efrain Perez Jr., 24, of Anaheim, Calif., with one count of conspiring to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCTI-ABC (New Bern, NC): Police use pizza delivery box address to catch Kinston methamphetamine dealer, Jordan Honeycutt, July 20, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Kinston man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for trafficking methamphetamine. Jerrell Taylor, 36, was

arrested after police tied meth sales from him to a pizza delivery box that listed his address. Officials said when Taylor believed he was under federal investigation, he ran to Nevada and was arrested there in April of 2020.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#)

WBBM-CBS (Chicago, IL): Bellwood man sentenced to more than 13 years in prison on gun, drug charges, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 3:29 PM

A Bellwood man was sentenced to more than 13 years in federal prison for the illegal possession of multiple firearms and dealing heroin and crack cocaine. Brian Stafford, 42, illegally had two loaded handguns and drugs in his vehicle and residence in west suburban Bellwood on Nov. 2, 2016, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office's Northern District of Illinois. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KWES-NBC (Odessa, TX): Fort Stockton man found guilty for possession, distribution of child pornography, Gina Kim, July 20, 2022, 3:28 PM

A Fort Stockton man could be facing up to 100 years in jail after he was found guilty of distributing and possessing child pornography. Thomas Scott Perkins, 31, was found with over 95,000 images and over 1,000 videos of child pornography after Homeland Security Investigations executed a search warrant at his home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Man pleads guilty to possessing pipe bombs in Roane County, Elizabeth Wolfe and Jarrod Wardwell, July 20, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Roane County man pleaded guilty Wednesday to possessing pipe bombs, federal prosecutors said. Joseph David Bailey, 51, pleaded guilty to possessing an unregistered destructive device after officers found half a dozen pipe bombs in December 2020, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

WNCT-CBS/CW (Greenville, NC): Plymouth crack dealer, armed robber sentenced, Joey Gill, July 20, 2022, 2:57 PM

A known drug dealer who was also a suspect in a gas station robbery in 2020 was sentenced on Wednesday for both crimes after he pled guilty to both crimes in April. Michael Easley Jr., US Attorney, Eastern District of NC, said in a media release that Cortha Matthew McNair, 44, of P ymouth, was sentenced Wednesday to 132 months in prison (11 years) for dealing crack cocaine and robbing a gas station in 2020. Easley said McNair pled guilty to distribution of cocaine base (crack) and interference with commerce by robbery on April 13. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KICD-AM (Spencer, IA): Spencer Man Pleads Guilty to Meth Charge, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 1:42 PM

A Spencer man has pled guilty in federal court to Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine this week. 35 year old Kenneth Alan Block said he and other individuals distributed at least 2.5 kilograms of meth in the Spencer area between February and September of 2021. Block was arrested in late September last year when police found 170 grams of meth after consenting to a search of his car. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCSC-CBS (Charleston, SC): Ladson man sentenced for possession of child porn, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 11:31 AM

A 29-year-old Ladson man was sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography. David Crosby was sentenced to five years in federal prison, a lifetime of court-ordered supervision and ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution to a victim identified in the case, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCBD-NBC/CW \(Charleston, SC\)](#)

WFIE-NBC (Evansville, IN): Washington, Ind. man sentenced for dealing meth, illegal possession of firearms, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 10:48 AM

A Washington, Indiana man has been sentenced after pleading guilty in a drug dealing case. Authorities tell us 26-year-old Matthew V. Palmer-Coy was pulled over for a traffic violation back in 2021. A K9 officer detected narcotics and his vehicle was searched. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WEHT-ABC \(Evansville, IN\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Ex-cop Thomas Lane faces sentencing in George Floyd killing, Steve Karnowski, July 21, 2022, 12:00 AM

Former Minneapolis police Officer Thomas Lane is hoping for a sentence Thursday that could let him go free after as little as two years in prison for his role in the killing of George Floyd. His attorney, Earl Gray, has argued that the rookie was the least culpable of the four officers involved in Floyd's death under Officer Derek Chauvin's knee in May 2020, a killing that sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the world, and launched a national reckoning on race. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Chicago violated residents' civil rights by relocating polluting business to Latino and Black neighborhood, federal agency finds, Erik Ortiz and Safia Samee Ali, July 20, 2022, 12:44 PM

The city violated the civil rights of its residents by playing a "driving role" in the proposed relocation of a scrap metal facility with a history of pollution complaints from a mostly white neighborhood in Chicago's North Side to a largely Latino and Black community in the Southeast Side, according to the results of a two-year-long federal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Justice Dept. takes up Sylvia Coleman's religious discrimination lawsuit against Lansing, Michigan, Mark A. Kellner, July 20, 2022, 3:43 PM

The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit on behalf of a detention officer in Lansing, Michigan, who was fired when her religious observance clashed with city official's scheduling. Department attorneys filed the religious discrimination lawsuit July 15 on behalf of Sylvia Coleman against the city of Lansing in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Jersey Advance Media: N.J. cop acquitted on federal charges sues city for \$582K in back pay, attorney fees, Joe Atmonavage, July 20, 2022, 6:16 PM

An Atlantic City police officer acquitted earlier this year on federal charges related to a K-9 attack in 2013 is suing the city for about \$582,000 in back pay and attorney's fees accumulated while suspended pending the outcome of the trial. Sterling Wheaten is seeking \$382,497 in back pay and benefits, like health insurance and lost overtime, withheld from October 2018 after his indictment until March 22, when he was reinstated as a police officer. His annual salary was \$108,548 when suspended. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDRB-Fox (Louisville, KY): DOJ finds accessibility issues with Louisville polling places, Jared Gans, July 20, 2022, 9:38 PM

The Department of Justice wants to see some big changes at Louisville's polling places. The DOJ said it identified barriers at several polling locations in Jefferson County, making it harder for disabled people to vote. Those barriers include inaccessible parking, steep ramps, gaps and bumps in walkways, and voting machines that couldn't be accessed by voters with mobility disabilities. The DOJ also said the Jefferson County Board of Elections failed "to provide voters with disabilities privacy and independence while voting." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: Appeals court allows Georgia abortion law to take effect, Kate Brumback and Jeff Amy, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

A federal appeals court overturned a lower court ruling and allowed Georgia's restrictive 2019 abortion law to take effect immediately Wednesday. The decision was expected after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last month that there is no constitutional right to an abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#)

AP: Abortion ruling prompts variety of reactions from states, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 3:00 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 24 overturned Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that had provided a constitutional right to abortion. The ruling was expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states, although the timing of those laws taking effect varies. Some Republican-led states banned or severely limited abortion immediately, while other restrictions will take effect later. In anticipation of the decision, several states led by Democrats took steps to protect abortion access. The decision also set up the potential for legal fights between the states over whether providers and those who help women obtain abortions can be sued or prosecuted.

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NYT: Democratic Group Sues the Federal Election Commission Over Trump's 2024 Hinting, Maggie Haberman, July 20, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Democratic super PAC filed a lawsuit against the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, seeking to force officials to take action against Donald J. Trump for all but running for president in 2024 without having declared himself a candidate. The suit comes more than four months after the group, American Bridge, lodged a complaint with the F.E.C. against Mr. Trump. The complaint argues that he has been behaving like a 2024 presidential candidate while avoiding the oversight of the commission by not filing a statement of candidacy.

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Courthouse News: Judge approves settlement ordering Plaid to pay \$58 million for selling consumer data, Andrew Westney, July 20, 2022, 9:00 PM

A federal court judge on Wednesday approved banking app Plaid's \$58 million privacy class action settlement after consumers claimed the company had harvested and sold their financial data without consent. U.S. Magistrate Judge Donna Ryu's order found that 11 plaintiffs from five lawsuits, led by James Cottle, won payment for all impacted customers whose data was sold by the tech startup Plaid using their banking login credentials. Plaid provides bank "linking" and verification services for fintech apps that consumers use to send and receive money from financial accounts such as Venmo, Coinbase, Cash App and Stripe. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Care Cos. Can't Challenge Federal OT Exemption Change, Grace Elleston, July 20, 2022, 8:03 PM

A Pennsylvania federal judge found Wednesday that three home care companies filed their challenge to an overtime exemption change too late, axing their claims that the U.S. Department of Labor contradicted [...]

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Law360: Ga. Farm Biz Says Labor Depts. Wrongly Cut Labor Services, Rae Varona, July 20, 2022, 7:22 PM

A Georgia-based farm labor provider and commercial farmer sued state and federal labor officials for allegedly terminating their labor contracting services in violation of labor laws, saying the termination is forcing them to fall back on crop harvesting plans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Inform Diagnostics Settles Mass. FCA Probe For \$16M, Chris Villani, July 20, 2022, 4:01 PM

Inform Diagnostics Inc. has agreed to pay \$16 million after admitting to billing Medicare and other federal health care programs for tests that may have been medically unnecessary, the Massachusetts U.S. Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

WaPo: Arlington adopts policy limiting cooperation with immigration officials, Teo Armus, July 20, 2022, 7:01 PM

Arlington County this week adopted a "trust policy" that severely limits the instances in which the county can cooperate with federal immigration agents, a measure meant to encourage undocumented residents in the Northern Virginia suburb to seek help from police and use other government resources. The policy, passed

unanimously Tuesday by the Arlington County Board, affirms that any Arlington residents can access public services, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#)

Fox: Border Patrol pushes back on Mayorkas claim that southern border is secure: 'They are liars', Adam Shaw, July 21, 2022, 2:07 AM

Multiple Border Patrol agents are pushing back against Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas' claim that the southern border is "secure" -- just as agents on the frontlines of the historic migrant crisis are struggling to cope with the overwhelming numbers facing them. There were more than 207,000 migrant encounters in June alone, the fourth month in a row where the number of encounters breached the 200,000 mark. But Mayorkas, speaking at the Aspen Security Forum on Tuesday, dismissed claims about the border not being secure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Biden administration looks to protect abortion rights of migrant minors following Dobbs ruling, Priscilla Alvarez, July 21, 2022, 1:00 AM

The Biden administration is working on ways to protect the abortion rights of pregnant migrant minors who are in government custody following the Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v. Wade last month, according to a source familiar with the discussions. The Supreme Court's decision to eliminate a constitutional right to abortion has placed added pressure on the administration to protect abortion rights, including for those in government custody. Federal agencies have been caught in the crosshairs as they try to navigate states that ban or will ban abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Mayorkas claims southern border 'is secure' as historic migrant crisis rages, Adam Shaw, July 20, 2022, 9:05 AM

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Tuesday claimed that the southern border "is secure" -- even as Border Patrol agents are facing historic migrant numbers. Mayorkas spoke at the Aspen Security Forum, where he was asked about the situation at the southern border -- which has seen more than 200,000 migrant encounters a month in the last four months. But, even though he acknowledged the situation is a "historic challenge," the secretary claimed the border is "secure." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 11th Circ. Splits With 9th Circ. In Deportation Notice Case, Bonnie Eslinger, July 20, 2022, 10:03 PM

An immigrant who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in 2003 cannot challenge removal proceedings launched when he didn't appear for a hearing, despite a defect in the notice he received, because a subsequent notice had complete information, the Eleventh Circuit has ruled in a split with the Ninth Circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Groups Urge DHS To Safeguard Abortion Care For Migrants, Rae Varona, July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM

More than 150 civil rights groups called on the Biden administration to ensure that migrants arrested for accessing abortion-related health care, following the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision upending the constitutional right to abortion, would not consequently be deported or barred from immigration relief. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: [OPINION] Misinformation threatens sound immigration policy, Mario López, July 20, 2022, 4:00 PM

Of the many public policy issues plagued with misinformation these days, immigration remains near the top of the list. Unfortunately, a recent Washington Times article ("Up to 33% of ICE catch-and-release migrants abscond: GAO audit." Web, June 22) contributes to this problem. This article twisted government data to cast doubt on a successful program that helps noncitizens comply with federal immigration rules. It characterized the federal Alternatives to Detention efforts as a "catch and release program," which gave the false impression that migrants are let loose to do whatever they please with no supervision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bakersfield Californian: Immigrant detainees file lawsuit alleging unfair labor practices by local ICE processing centers, Ishani Desai, July 20, 2022, 8:00 PM

Moldy showers. Dirty toilets. Rampant pests. Detainees at the Mesa Verde and the Golden State Annex Immigration and Customs Enforcement centers located in Kern County claimed these conditions proliferated in local facilities after inadequate staffing caused sanitation to decline and detainees abstained from cleaning while protesting inadequate pay. Immigrant detainees are bound to participate in the so-called Voluntary Work Program enforced by the facilities' private owners, the GEO Group, Inc., and earn \$1 per day, five days a week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Laredo Morning Times: \$4.3 million in meth seized at World Trade Bridge, Cesar Rodriguez, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized about \$4.3 million in meth at the World Trade Bridge. A 2020 Freightliner trailer hauling a shipment of water-based rubber arrived at the bridge on July 18. K-9 and X-ray inspections resulted in the seizure of five containers holding 216.09 pounds of meth. The meth had an estimated street value of \$4,321,897. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): Border Patrol arrests over 1,500 migrants this past weekend, Domenick Candelieri, July 21, 2022, 12:03 AM

More than 1,500 migrants were apprehended over the weekend by San Diego Sector Border Patrol Agents, authorities said. Multiple family members, unaccompanied children and single adults made up the groups of migrants who were mostly from Mexico and Central America, but did not include citizens of Venezuela, Brazil and Romania, U.S. Customs and Border Protection stated in a release Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WGHP-Fox (High Point, NC): Marijuana seizures down as cartels turn to alternate cash 'crops', Julian Resendiz, July 20, 2022, 10:35 PM

Border agents are reporting a 25 percent increase in illicit drug seizures at ports of entry, highway checkpoints and along the international boundary last June compared to May. However, seizures of marijuana, cocaine, and heroin are trending substantially lower when compared to 2021, newly released U.S. Customs and Border Protection data shows. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): Border agents find smuggled migrants in homes, apartments, motels throughout El Paso, Fernie Ortiz, July 20, 2022, 10:04 PM

Sheriff's deputies were serving a narcotics warrant when they discovered 13 migrants on Friday afternoon at a Central El Paso home. U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced Wednesday that El Paso County Sheriff's deputies immediately called the Border Patrol, which responded to the house on Alabama Street and determined that the migrants were all Mexican and smuggled into the country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KFOX-Fox \(El Paso, TX\)](#)

KVII-ABC (Amarillo, TX): \$300k worth of Heroin seized at Texas-Mexico border, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

One man was arrested after attempting to smuggle \$300,000 worth of Heroin across the U.S. border at the Eagle Pass Camino Real International Bridge, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Border patrol officers say the vehicle was chosen for an inspection upon arriving from Mexico on July 12th. Officers found packages of Heroin weighing about 12 pounds, concealed inside the vehicle. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFGO-AM (Fargo, ND): Senator Hoeven pressing federal agencies to resume longer operating hours at ND ports of entry, Don Haney, July 20, 2022, 12:31 PM

In a call with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, Senator John Hoeven pressed the agency to resume pre-pandemic operating hours at the northern North Dakota ports of entry. Hoeven said the limited hours at the northern ports have forced travelers to go far out of their way in order to cross the border, not only costing

significant time and money but also worsening supply chain constraints. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **Generic drugmaker Impax to pay \$145 mln to end opioid antitrust litigation**, Mike Scarcella, July 20, 2022, 4:05 PM

Impax Laboratories on Tuesday said it had agreed to pay \$145 million to resolve antitrust class claims that the drugmaker illegally schemed with Endo International Plc to delay launching a generic version of its Opana ER opioid painkiller. The settlement resolving allegations brought by plaintiff drug distributors Value Drug Co and Meijer Inc came just weeks after a Chicago federal court jury rejected claims that Endo violated federal antitrust laws. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Law360](#)

Law360: **Stephen King To Take The Stand In DOJ Publisher Merger Suit**, Lauren Berg, July 20, 2022, 7:25 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice told a D.C. federal judge that it plans to call legendary scribe Stephen King to testify at trial next month in the federal government's challenge to Penguin Random House LLC's \$2.18 billion bid to buy Simon & Schuster. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **FTC Says It Didn't 'Clear' Meta Deals And Has No Docs To Give**, Bryan Koenig, July 20, 2022, 5:55 PM

The Federal Trade Commission has told a federal judge that Meta has no grounds for seeking nearly decade-old staff documents discussing the company's WhatsApp and Instagram purchases because they don't represent approval for those deals and contain no facts material to the commission's current effort to unwind those transactions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **DOJ Avoids Compressed EverWatch Merger Trial For Now**, Bryan Koenig, July 20, 2022, 4:51 PM

A Maryland federal judge on Wednesday sided with a U.S. Department of Justice bid to space out the agency's challenge to Booz Allen Hamilton's \$440 million acquisition of EverWatch by first holding a two-day initial September hearing and then scheduling a full merits trial later, but left it possible that no trial will be needed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **DOJ Cartel Prosecutor Joins Norton Rose Fulbright In DC**, Jack Rodgers, July 20, 2022, 12:18 PM

A U.S. Department of Justice trial attorney who focused on antitrust and white collar crime enforcement has jumped to Norton Rose Fulbright's Washington, D.C., office as a partner, the firm announced Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Courthouse News: **Conservationists take EPA to court over renewable fuel standard**, Megan Butler, July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit in the D.C. Circuit on Wednesday challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's fuel volume requirements for corn ethanol and other biofuels. Created under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the EPA's renewable fuel standard requires a certain amount of biofuel to be mixed with traditional transportation fuel such as diesel and gasoline as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: **Impact of Supreme Court's climate ruling spreads**, Alex Guillén, July 20, 2022, 5:33 PM

Fallout from the Supreme Court's attack on federal climate regulations is spreading throughout the executive branch, creating legal uncertainty for rules on topics as far afield as abortion, immigration and even amateur auto

rating. Opponents of federal actions on pipelines, asbestos, nuclear waste, corporate disclosures and highway planning are also seizing on the logic of the court's June 30 decision, which imposed sharp limits on the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate greenhouse gases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: EPA Fuel Rule Threatens Endangered Species, EnviroS Say, Clark Mindock, July 20, 2022, 4:51 PM

The Center for Biological Diversity on Wednesday asked the D.C. Circuit to review the Biden administration's latest renewable fuel blending standards, which they said would increase demand for land and put strains on endangered species. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

AP: California man admits fraud, bogus tax returns for athletes, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 6:42 PM

The head of a California tax preparation business has admitted his role in fraud schemes totaling \$25 million that included exaggerated tax returns for professional athletes and exploiting federal pandemic relief programs, federal prosecutors said Wednesday. Seir Robinson Havana, 46, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and money laundering charges, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

CNN: Federal investigation of Hunter Biden reaches critical juncture, sources say, Evan Perez and Kara Scannell, , July 20, 2022, 6:01 PM

The federal investigation into Hunter Biden's business activities is nearing a critical juncture as investigators weigh possible charges and prosecutors confront Justice Department guidelines to generally avoid bringing politically sensitive cases close to an election, according to people briefed on the matter. While no final decision has been made on whether to bring charges against President Joe Biden's son, sources say the probe has intensified in recent months along with discussions among Delaware-based prosecutors, investigators running the probe and officials at Justice Department headquarters. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Law360: Couple Seeks Rehearing In 9th Circ. Repatriation Case, David Hansen, July 20, 2022, 6:19 PM

The Ninth Circuit must reconsider a constitutional challenge to the 2017 federal tax overhaul's corporate repatriation tax, a California couple said in an en banc request, after a panel affirmed a lower court [...]. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Repository: Third defendant guilty of running skill game parlors in Stark County, Robert Wang, July 20, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man from Florida, not previously named in federal indictments but linked by prosecutors to ownership of the Redemption and Skilled Shamrock skill game parlors in Plain Township, pleaded guilty Wednesday to defrauding the U.S. government. Larry Dayton submitted his plea in a video hearing overseen by U.S. District Judge Donald Nugent in Cleveland, according to federal court records. It's not clear where Dayton was physically during the hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWL-CBS (New Orleans, LA): D.A. Jason Williams' tax preparer testifies at federal tax fraud trial, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 11:39 PM

Wednesday was the first full day of testimony in the tax fraud trial of District Attorney Jason Williams and his law office partner, Nicole Burdett. Federal prosecutors dove right in, calling the pair's tax preparer, Henry Timothy, to the stand. He says he falsified tax returns as instructed by Williams and Burdett. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Advocate \(New Orleans, LA\)](#), [WVUE-Fox \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: FBI adds California slaying suspect to Top 10 fugitive list, Stefanie Dazio, July 20, 2022, 2:00 PM
An alleged gang member accused of killing a man in a Los Angeles barbershop in 2019 has been added to the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, authorities said Wednesday. The FBI is offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Omar Alexander Cardenas. He is considered armed and extremely dangerous, the FBI said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: South Louisiana coroner warns counterfeit pills are plaguing his community after two deaths in one night, Rebekah Castor, July 20, 2022, 1:31 PM
The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and law enforcement agencies across the country are finding deadly fake pills at record rates. "This is probably the most dangerous time to be a teenager here in America," said Dr. Charles Preston, the coroner in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Last week, in unrelated incidents, two young people in Dr. Preston's community died on the same night after taking what they believed to be Percocets. In one case, a 21-year-old took one pill and it killed him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

PBS: [VIDEO] New ATF Director Steve Dettelbach on gun violence in America, Andrew Westney, July 20, 2022, 6:25 PM
For the first time in seven years, the federal government has a Senate-confirmed director in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the agency better known as ATF. Steven Dettelbach was recently sworn in as its leader and takes over at a time when gun violence in America is on the rise. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Caller: ATF Agents, Officer Show Up 'Warrantless' To Demand Info On Man's Guns, Video Appears To Show, Brianna Lyman, July 20, 2022, 2:04 PM
Two Delaware ATF agents and a Delaware state trooper showed up seemingly warrantless, in tactical gear, to a man's home and demanded he prove he did not make a straw purchase, a video posted Wednesday appears to show. Frankie Stockes of the National File shared the video, and reported that the agents were "warrantless." The agents were trying to ensure no straw purchases were made. A straw purchase is when an individual buys a gun for someone else. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): FBI arrests Florida Highway Patrol captain on child porn charge, Christian De La Rosa, July 20, 2022, 11:24 PM
A Florida Highway Patrol captain has been arrested and is facing a child pornography charge. Respected and admired by many, 45-year-old Christopher Chappell was behind bars on Wednesday at the Broward County Jail on accusations of a disturbing crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WISC-CBS (Madison, WI): FBI urges individuals, companies to exercise proactive approach to cyber security, Tahleel Mohieldin, July 20, 2022, 11:14 PM
The FBI keeps a close watch of cyber security threats but Wednesday morning agents stressed in order for them to be more proactive with prevention they need the help of both individuals and companies. At a special roundtable in Middleton the Bureau's Special Agent in Charge in Wisconsin, Michael Hensel, made a push for more public engagement as cyber attacks continue to grow exponentially. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJET-ABC (Erie, PA): FBI celebrates major milestone with 50 years of women being on the force, Jennifer Mobilia, July 20, 2022, 10:34 PM
The FBI is celebrating a major milestone this month. 50 years ago the first woman entered the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, VA. To this day more than 22% of all special agents are women. We had the honor of meeting one of those special agents and learning more about her career. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Chicago DEA warns of deadly drugs at Lollapalooza, Rebekah Castor, July 20, 2022, 10:18 PM

A terrifying warning from the Drug Enforcement Agency: deadly drugs will be at Lollapalooza. "There's going to be people walking around with backpacks at Lollapalooza, that are going to be selling pills that are going to be laced with fentanyl. There's not a doubt in my mind," said Shane Catone of the Chicago DEA. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): FBI needs answers on Jefferson County sex offender who's been on the run for 20 years, Justina Coronel, July 20, 2022, 8:53 PM

Police are desperately trying to find a sex offender from the St. Louis area, who's been on the loose for two decades. Bruce Emerson Sawhill has been on the run since 2002 when he was arrested and charged for first-degree sodomy charges in Jefferson County. This sex offender has a history. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WATE-ABC (Knoxville, TN): TBI, DEA set-up at mobile command centers Morristown Regional Airport, Hannah Moore, July 20, 2022, 7:44 PM

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration are at the Morristown Regional Airport. Both agencies have set up mobile command centers at the airport. According to TBI, their agents are working alongside numerous other law enforcement agencies at the airport as part of an ongoing operation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WLWT-NBC (Cincinnati, OH): FBI agents secretly record former Cincinnati city councilman P.G. Sittenfeld, recordings released, Karin Johnson, July 20, 2022, 7:04 PM

As former Cincinnati city councilman P.G. Sittenfeld awaits sentencing on political corruption charges, the public is now getting a chance to see some of the evidence presented during his trial in federal court. Sittenfeld was convicted earlier this month on one count of bribery and one count of attempted extortion charges. He was acquitted on two counts of honest services wire fraud, one count of bribery and one count of attempted extortion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): FBI investigating after bank along Shawnee Mission Parkway is robbed, Zoe Brown, July 20, 2022, 6:51 PM

The FBI is investigating after a bank along Shawnee Mission Parkway was robbed Wednesday. The FBI says it happened at the First Interstate Bank at 10610 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Shawnee, Kansas. It is between Melrose Lane and Panera Bread to the east, and Goddard Street and Raising Cane's to the east. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): FBI investigating after bank along Shawnee Mission Parkway is robbed, Zoe Brown, July 20, 2022, 6:00 PM

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WIS-NBC (Columbia, SC): Nearly 100 arrests made in crime reduction operation in the Carolinas, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:04 PM

Almost 100 people were apprehended in a crime reduction operation in North Carolina and South Carolina within a recent 10-day span. The operation, which took place July 5-15 in Gaston County in N.C. and York County in S.C., placed special emphasis on the communities of Gastonia, N.C. and Rock Hill, S.C., and saw 91 people taken into custody. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFTX-Fox (Naples, FL): FEDS warn of fentanyl-laced drugs, Ryan Kruger, July 20, 2022, 4:35 PM

After a series of mass overdose events across Florida, suspected to be caused by fentanyl, federal investigators are sounding the alarm. In the last two weeks, local authorities in the Tampa Bay area, Gadsden County and Leon County, have responded to suspect mass-overdose events. The DEA's Miami Field Division sent out a Public

Safety Alert to warn people of the suspected poisoned drug supply. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

USA Today: Top officials at troubled federal prison system recommended for more than \$3M in bonuses, Kevin Johnson, July 20, 2022, 6:01 PM

Top executives and wardens at the embattled federal Bureau of Prisons were recommended for more than \$3 million in bonus payments during the past three years as the agency confronted grave security and health crises that rocked the organization's top ranks, according to documents reviewed by USA TODAY. The payments were endorsed during 2019, 2020 and 2021, one of the most fraught periods in recent history as the bureau struggled to account for the suicide of accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein; the ravages of the coronavirus which has left 300 inmates and seven staffers dead; and chronic staffing shortages that continued to plague the system across the country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Colorado Springs Gazette: Federal judge declines to dismiss inmate's lawsuit against government over prison stabbing, Michael Karlik, July 20, 2022, 11:00 PM

An inmate has plausibly claimed government officials were negligent by failing to prevent a prison yard attack on him and failing to intervene, a federal judge has ruled. David J. Martin was incarcerated at the U.S. Penitentiary in Florence on June 2, 2018, when his cousin sneaked up behind him in the recreation yard and stabbed him repeatedly. Martin claimed officials knew he should have been separated from his cousin, and they allowed a weapon to evade the security checkpoint. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Alabama inmate asks for execution to be called off in handwritten appeal, Ivana Hrynkiw, July 20, 2022, 5:57 PM

An Alabama inmate set to be executed next week is asking a federal judge again for a stay of execution, several months after the judge dismissed a similar request. Joe Nathan James, Jr., 49, is set to die by lethal injection on July 28 at William C. Holman Correctional Facility in Atmore. The execution date comes more than 24 years after he was first sentenced. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court welcomes new crop of clerks in fraught year, Karen Sloan and David Thomas, July 20, 2022, 6:22 PM

Graduates of the law schools at Yale, Harvard and Stanford universities dominate the incoming class of U.S. Supreme Court clerks, keeping with tradition. The high court on Wednesday confirmed its list of the new law clerks who will serve in its upcoming October term — the first group to join the court since the May leak of its draft opinion overturning a constitutional right to abortion. The final decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, issued in June, has divided the country and led to long-running protests at the homes of the court's conservative justices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Former religious right leader: I saw our phrases in Alito's abortion opinion, Josh Gerstein, July 20, 2022, 8:27 PM

A former leader of the religious right contends that an effort he helped lead to influence conservative Supreme Court justices through prayer sessions, private dinners and other social events contributed to the stridency of the court's opinion last month striking down *Roe v. Wade*. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Clarence Thomas opinion sparks House vote Thursday to protect access to contraception, Jared Gans, July 20, 2022, 3:59 PM

The House is scheduled to vote on a bill Thursday that would enshrine federal protection for access to

contraceptives as Democrats look to safeguard the right after Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas called for the court to review it. It's the second vote this week that is essentially a response to Thomas's concurrent opinion in a case overturning the Roe v. Wade decision that suggested he also wanted the court to review decisions on same-sex marriage, access to contraception and other issues. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Reuters: Durbin threatens to speed up judicial nominees after GOP senator's 'blue slip' denials, Nate Raymond, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin on Wednesday said he may have the Democratic-led panel take up a larger number of judicial nominees than usual at an upcoming hearing after a Republican senator blocked consideration of two of President Joe Biden's court and prosecutor candidates. The Illinois Democrat's statement came as progressive groups keep pressuring the White House and Senate Democrats to move faster on filling 120 judicial vacancies before Republicans potentially retake the chamber in November's midterm elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Senate Confirms Fox Rothschild Atty To District Of Delaware, James Arkin, July 20, 2022, 4:07 PM
The Senate Wednesday confirmed Gregory B. Williams to the U.S. district court in Delaware, filling the seat that opened earlier this year when Judge Leonard P. Stark was elevated to the Federal Circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Montana Tribe Sues DOI For Better Police, Jail Services, Andrew Westney, July 20, 2022, 9:00 PM
The Northern Cheyenne Tribe has sued the U. S. Department of the Interior in Montana federal court, claiming it breached its trust duty to "provide competent and effective law enforcement and correction services" on the tribe's reservation and owes more than \$1 million the tribe spent to cover services the government failed to furnish. The federally recognized Northern Cheyenne said in its complaint Tuesday that the DOI and its officials have since 2018 failed to keep enough staffing, investigate and prosecute crimes, and keep sufficient detention facilities, "despite the tribe's repeated demands that defendants address the problem. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Interior Dept. Loses Bid To Nix Calif. Tribe's Recognition Suit, Joyce Hanson, July 20, 2022, 8:34 PM

A California federal judge has refused the U.S. Department of the Interior's bid to dismiss a suit by a tribe that was denied federal recognition, saying he has the right to decide if the department incorrectly allowed Congress to terminate the tribe when its rancheria was sold. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOI Seeks High Court Review Of Navajo Water Suit, Caleb Symons, July 20, 2022, 7:26 PM
Federal authorities want the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a Ninth Circuit ruling last year that found the government may be obligated to determine the Navajo Nation's water needs, which they say has no basis in statutory language and "cannot be squared" with basic precedent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: Senate Bill To Federally Legalize Marijuana And Promote Social Equity Finally Filed By Schumer, Booker And Wyden, Kyle Jaeger, July 21, 2022, 6:00 AM

A much-anticipated U.S. Senate bill to federally legalize marijuana and promote social equity has finally been introduced. Just over a year after first unveiling a draft version of the cannabis reform legislation, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Sen. Cory Booker

(D-NJ) formally filed the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act (CAOA) on Thursday. The news of an imminent release starting circulating last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Jersey Advance Media: Booker plans Senate hearing to address marijuana laws' harm to Black residents, Jonathan D. Salant, July 20, 2022, 6:10 PM

U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, who has argued for years that cannabis laws disproportionately hurt minority communities, plans to hold a hearing on the subject Tuesday. Booker, who chairs the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on criminal justice and counterterrorism, has titled the hearing, "Decriminalizing cannabis at the federal level: Necessary steps to address past harms." [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

WTOV-NBC/Fox (Steubenville, OH): Belmont County receiving nearly \$1 million to combat opioids,

Rebekah Vaughn, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

Belmont County is going to be receiving a sum of money to help combat the current opioid crisis. A federal lawsuit was filed against pharmaceutical companies, and money from that settlement has filtered down through all of the states to be divided between the local governments. The county will be receiving 18 total payments from the lawsuit, totaling close to \$1 million. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden to outline \$37 bln funding request for crime prevention, Unattributed, July 21, 2022, 4:06 AM

President Joe Biden will lay out plans on Thursday to ask Congress for \$37 billion for crime prevention programs as he seeks to address one of the top concerns among Americans ahead of congressional elections in November. Biden will outline details of his Safer America Plan in a visit to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The \$37 billion will be included in his budget request to Congress for fiscal 2023, which begins Oct. 1. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#)

Washington Times: Joe Biden to pitch \$37 billion anti-crime plan in Pennsylvania amid surging gun violence, Jeff Mordockl, July 21, 2022, 5:30 AM

President Biden will unveil Thursday his \$37 billion plan to stem a rising wave of violent crime by adding more police, expanding mental health and job training programs, and cracking down on guns. Mr. Biden will lay out the plan during a speech in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

AP: House Dems move to protect contraception from Supreme Court, Alan Fram, July 21, 2022, 12:00 AM

The right to use contraceptives would be inscribed into law under a measure Democrats are pushing through the House, their latest campaign-season response to worries that a conservative Supreme Court that's erased federal abortion rights could go further. The House planned to vote Thursday on the legislation and send it to the Senate, where its fate seemed uncertain. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Senators propose changes to electors law after Capitol riot, Lisa Mascaro, July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

A bipartisan group of senators agreed Wednesday on proposed changes to the Electoral Count Act, the post-Civil War-era law for certifying presidential elections that came under intense scrutiny after the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol and Donald Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#), [Reuters](#)

AP: Pressure on Senate GOP after same-sex marriage passes House, Lisa Mascaro, July 20, 2022, 3:00

PM

The Senate unexpectedly launched a new push Wednesday to protect same-sex marriage in federal law after a surprising number of Republicans helped pass landmark legislation in the House. Some GOP senators are already signaling support. The legislation started as an election-season political effort to confront the new Supreme Court majority after the court overturned abortion access in *Roe v. Wade*, raising concerns that other rights were at risk. But suddenly it has a shot at becoming law. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [WSJ](#)

The Hill: **House committee advances bill to ban assault weapons**, Mychael Schnell, July 20, 2022, 10:40 PM
The House Judiciary Committee advanced a bill to ban assault weapons on Wednesday, the first time in two decades a congressional panel has moved to prohibit the sale, transfer and possession of the popular firearms. The committee approved the Assault Weapons Ban of 2021 in a 25-18 vote following an hours-long markup. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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- Extreme temperatures haunted two continents on Wednesday, with more than 100 million people in the United States facing excessive heat conditions and a heat wave that had scorched Western Europe taking aim at Central Europe. Firefighters continue to brave temperatures hovering around 110 degrees as they battle 18 active wildfires burning across Texas and threatening 1,200 homes. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced modest new steps to combat climate change and promised more robust action to come, saying, "This is an emergency and I will look at it that way." The president stopped short, though, of declaring a formal climate emergency. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Jan. 6 committee said the Secret Service has begun producing records in response to a subpoena, but added that the agency's apparent failure to follow federal records retention rules could be a violation of federal law. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The U.S. is warning that Russia plans to annex the entire Donbas region in Ukraine. Meanwhile, Ukraine's first lady delivered an impassioned speech to Congress, pleading for more weapons. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Following the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, Democrats are pushing to enshrine court-given rights into law. New fears are arising that the Supreme Court could revisit its 2015 same-sex marriage decision. The House voted 267-157 on Tuesday to reaffirm the decision, with 47 Republicans agreeing with Democrats. Now, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is looking to bring the bill to the Senate floor. [[NBC](#)]
- Parents say they are still having trouble finding baby formula, particularly speciality formula, despite the federal government's efforts to restock shelves. [[CBS](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Russia Resumes Nord Stream Gas Supply to Europe” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Jan. 6 Panel to Sum Up Its Case Against Trump: Dereliction of Duty” [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
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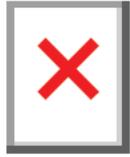
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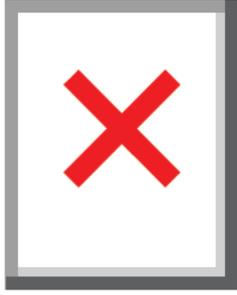
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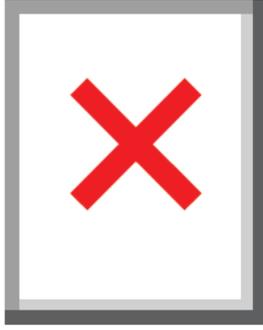
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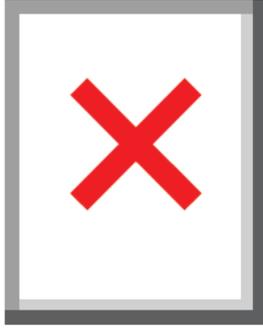
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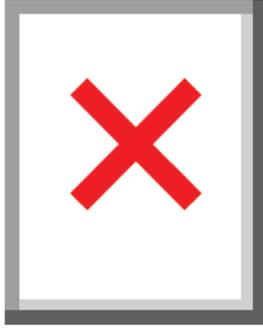
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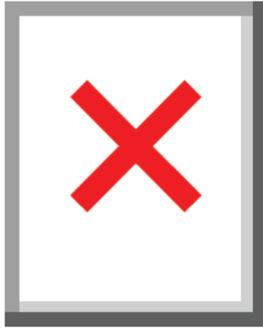
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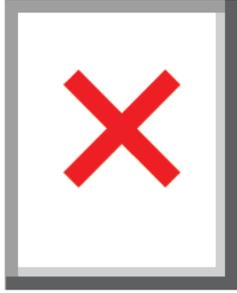
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

CNN: Steve Dettelbach sworn in to lead ATF after 7 years of acting directors, Hannah Rabinowitz and Veronica Stracqualursi, July 19, 2022, 3:45 PM

Former federal prosecutor Steve Dettelbach was ceremonially sworn in on Tuesday as the new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, marking the first time in seven years that the agency has a permanent, Senate-approved leader at the helm. Dettelbach assumes control of the agency, which imposes and issues federal firearm regulations, during a surge of gun violence and mass shootings in the United States. He will also be tasked with enforcing the country's new sprawling gun legislation, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which is the most significant new federal legislation to address gun violence in decades. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [ABC](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#)

CBS: New ATF director says there's "no one solution" to ending gun violence, Caitlin Yilek, July 19, 2022, 8:43 PM

Steven Dettelbach, the newly sworn-in director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said there is no overarching answer to solving the nation's gun violence, even as guns have become the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. "One of the things that makes this problem so hard is that it looks way different depending on where you are," Dettelbach told "CBS Evening News" anchor and managing editor Norah O'Donnell in an interview Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: US disrupts North Korean hackers that targeted hospitals, Eric Tucker, July 19, 2022, 3:30 PM

The FBI and Justice Department recently disrupted the activities of a hacking group that was sponsored by the North Korean government and that targeted U.S. hospitals with ransomware, ultimately recovering half a million dollars in ransom payments, Deputy Attorney

General Lisa Monaco said Tuesday. Monaco revealed new details of the attacks during a speech in which she encouraged organizations hit by ransomware to report the crime to law enforcement, both so that officials can investigate and so that they can help victim companies try to get ransom payments back. In this case, Monaco said, a Kansas hospital that paid a ransom last year after being attacked by ransomware also contacted the FBI, which traced the payment and identified China-based money launderers who assisted the North Korean hackers in cashing out the illicit proceeds. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NPR's All Things Considered: He Tracked Down Nazi War Criminals. Now He's Investigating Atrocities In Ukraine, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 5:05 PM

How serious is the U.S. about investigating Russian war crimes in Ukraine? They put Eli Rosenbaum on the case. He's best known for directing the Department of Justice special investigations unit which tracked down Nazis who had gone into hiding after World War II. He lays out the challenges of conducting an investigation in the midst of an ongoing war.

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WaPo: What the Garland memo really means for investigating Trump, Aaron Blake, July 19, 2022

If there's a powerful Democrat who has given his party as much heartburn as Sens. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), it might well be Attorney General Merrick Garland. A party base anxious for Jan. 6, 2021-related criminal charges against former president Donald Trump has long been suspicious of the moderate attorney general. And the limited peeks they've gotten behind the Justice Department curtain have often left them wholly unsatisfied, at best, and suspicious of Garland's fortitude, at worst. The most recent episode in the saga is a newly reported memo that Garland signed in May. But the memo probably doesn't warrant nearly the kind of consternation it has engendered. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#), [USA Today](#), [Bloomberg](#), [MSNBC](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Biden order aims to punish captors of Americans held abroad, Eric Tucker, July 19, 2022, 8:30 AM

President Joe Biden signed an executive order Tuesday aimed at increasing the flow of information to families of Americans detained abroad and at imposing sanctions on the criminals, terrorists or government officials who hold them captive. It is unclear if the new order will result in bringing home more Americans jailed in foreign countries, but senior Biden administration officials who previewed the action to reporters said they regard it as an important way to raise the cost of hostage-taking and to punish captors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Intelligence Agencies Say Russia Election Threat Persists Amid Ukraine War, Adam Goldman, July 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

Top national security officials warned on Tuesday about the continuing threat of election interference from abroad, emphasizing that Russia could still seek to meddle or promote disinformation during the 2022 midterm races even as it wages war in Ukraine. "I am quite confident the Russians can walk and chew gum," Christopher A. Wray, the F.B.I. director, said during a cybersecurity conference in Manhattan, where he spoke alongside Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, the head of the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

CNN: Biden administration pushes to close the growing cybersecurity workforce gap, Brian Fung, July 19, 2022, 2:57 PM

The Biden administration is pushing to fill hundreds of thousands of cybersecurity jobs in the United States as part of a bid to close a talent shortage US officials describe as both a national security challenge and an economic opportunity. On Tuesday, the administration announced a multi-agency plan to create hundreds of registered apprenticeship programs with the private sector to flesh out the nation's cybersecurity workforce — and defend against a rising tide of data breaches, ransomware attacks and other hacking incidents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Roll Call: Senate support builds to seize, liquidate Russian oligarch assets, Rachel Oswald, July 19, 2022, 6:14 PM

Senators are making headway on a potentially significant piece of bipartisan legislation that would give the Justice Department new authorities to seize and liquidate ill-gotten assets of Russian oligarchs and use the proceeds to benefit the people of Ukraine. At a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Tuesday, Democrats and Republicans debated the pros and cons of the legislation from Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., which would create a narrow and expiring authority for the Justice Department to open civil forfeiture proceedings against the frozen assets of Russian individuals found to be tied to criminal activities and to redirect the proceeds of forfeitures to humanitarian and economic aid for Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: DOJ pitches Senate on use of anti-mafia laws to seize Russian assets, Tobias Burns, July 19, 2022, 4:48 PM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) asked Congress for permission on Tuesday to use a sweeping set of laws originally designed to break up the mafia as part of their efforts to pursue the assets of the Russian elite following the country's war in Ukraine. The DOJ wants to include violations of sanctions and export controls in its definition of racketeering under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO Act, which allowed federal prosecutors in the 1980s and 1990s to go after organized crime rings on charges of extortion and murder for hire. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Romanian man extradited to U.S. on hacking charges over virus that hit NASA, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 4:34 PM

A Romanian man accused of helping distribute a computer virus that infected more than 1 million computers and caused big financial losses worldwide has been extradited to the United States, federal prosecutors said on Tuesday. Mihai Paunescu, 37, is accused of running a hosting service that helped distribute the Gozi virus, which stole personal bank account information while remaining virtually undetectable. He made an initial appearance on Monday in federal court in Manhattan, where he was ordered detained. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

Reuters: Trump ex-adviser Bannon felt he was 'above the law,' prosecution tells jury, Sarah N. Lynch, July 19, 2022, 8:30 AM

Federal prosecutors are due to start presenting their case on Tuesday in the trial of Steve Bannon, a prominent former presidential adviser to Donald Trump, on charges of contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena from the committee investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol. Bannon, 68, is facing two misdemeanor counts after he declined last year to provide testimony or documents to the Democratic-led House of Representatives select committee. Prosecutors and Bannon's defense are set to present opening statements in the trial once jury selection is completed. U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols is presiding. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters-2](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WSJ: Secret Service Records Provided to Jan. 6 Committee Include No New Texts,

Alexa Corse and Scott Patterson, July 19, 2022, 11:39 PM

Documents provided by the Secret Service to the Jan. 6 select committee on Tuesday didn't include any previously undisclosed text messages from Jan. 5 or 6, 2021, according to a person familiar with the matter and a document reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

Washington Times: 'Gutless': Steve Bannon rips Bennie Thomson for not showing up for contempt trial,

Joseph Clark, July 19, 2022, 5:42 PM

Stephen K. Bannon ripped House Jan. 6 Committee Chairman Bennie G. Thompson as "gutless" for sending a staff member to testify as the prosecution's first witness in the former Trump adviser's trial on charges of criminal contempt of Congress. Kristin Amerling, the Jan. 6 committee's deputy staff director and chief counsel, began outlining the case against Mr. Bannon on Tuesday in federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Georgia Republicans challenge subpoenas in Trump fake elector probe,

Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 8:15 PM

Georgia Republicans accused of playing a role in attempts by ex-President Donald Trump and his supporters to overturn his 2020 election defeat asked a judge to throw out subpoenas issued for upcoming hearings, court papers showed on Tuesday. Trump has falsely claimed that rampant voter fraud caused his loss in Georgia, a key battleground state where President Joe Biden was victorious, helping him win the White House. [...] The Justice Department has been investigating an alleged plan by Trump and his supporters to submit alternative slates of state electors to reverse Biden's victory in the election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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Detroit Free Press: Meet Ryan Kelley, the Republican candidate for governor who got a boost from FBI arrest,

Paul Egan, July 19, 2022, 5:42 PM

When Hillary Clinton lost the 2016 presidential election to Donald Trump, many Democrats blamed the FBI for disclosing, 11 days before the vote, that they had reopened an investigation into her handling of emails. But if Ryan Kelley wins the Republican primary for governor Aug. 2, his supporters may thank the FBI, which arrested and charged him June 9 for his involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Last-chance hearing: Jan. 6 committee has yet to establish a criminal case against Trump,

Jonathan Turley, July 19, 2022, 11:10 AM

The eighth and final scheduled hearing of the House Jan. 6 select committee is scheduled for Thursday, and its members reportedly will present a time line of events on that day, particularly the 187 minutes between the end of then-President Trump's speech on the Ellipse and his call for supporters to leave the Capitol. It will again replay moments from the horrific to the heroic. What it has not shown thus far, however, is what was promised at the outset: a clear criminal case against Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: [OPINION] There is a gap in the evidence we've seen against Trump. We have to rely on the DOJ to fill it,

Harry Litman, July 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

The criticism of the Department of Justice continues to grow: Detractors see the department as too far behind the Jan. 6 committee. They want to know why Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland and the Justice Department have yet to come forward with a serious criminal charge against Donald Trump. These gloomy observations miss at least one crucial point: There is a gap in the committee's development of the Jan. 6 evidence for the most serious yet fitting charge

against Trump. And it seems likely that only the Justice Department can fill it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Californian sentenced for \$27M phony COVID aid attempt, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Southern California man who tried to obtain \$27 million in unemployment benefits by falsely claiming his business was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic was sentenced Tuesday to more than 11 years in federal prison. Robert Benlevi, 53, of the Encino area of Los Angeles received a 135-month sentence following his March conviction for bank fraud, money laundering and making false statements to a financial institution, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [City News Service](#), [Courthouse News](#)

Boston Globe: New Bedford gang leader sentenced to seven years in prison, Camilo Fonseca, July 19, 2022, 10:00 PM

A New Bedford gang leader received seven years in prison for racketeering on Tuesday, officials said — the latest sentencing in a broad federal case against members of the Latin Kings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Haven Register: Feds: Missouri man pleads guilty in fraud scheme that swindled Darien investment company, Liz Hardaway, July 19, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Missouri man pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to a \$7 million fraud scheme related to his commercial aircraft supply businesses, according to federal prosecutors. As part of the scheme, Kyle J. Wine, 41, of Lee's Summit, Mo., induced an investment firm based in Darien to put \$4.5 million into the supposed acquisition and sale of an Airbus A320-231 airframe and two aircraft engines, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Philadelphia Inquirer: Two ex-SEPTA managers sent to prison for fraud scheme that cost the agency nearly \$1M, Jeremy Roebuck, July 19, 2022, 12:30 PM

Two former senior SEPTA maintenance managers were sentenced to prison Tuesday for leading a scheme in which they and nine of their subordinates bilked the transit agency out of hundreds of thousands of dollars over six years. A federal judge ordered David Abell — the agency's former senior director for maintenance — to spend five years behind bars for originating the scheme, which involved colluding with vendors to charge for goods that were never provided and pocketing the proceeds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News: Retired school psychologist sentenced to prison on child pornography charge, Dale Anderson, July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

A retired school psychologist has been sentenced to five years in prison and 15 years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Lawrence J. Vilaro following his conviction on a child pornography charge, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross reported. David M. Calaiacovo, 65, of Hamburg, pleaded guilty of possession of child pornography involving a prepubescent minor, Ross said. He had worked in elementary schools in the West Seneca School District for 35 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

Hartford Courant: Ring leader in burglary gang that stole millions in merchandise, terrorized CT businesses sentenced to prison, Edmund H. Mahony, July 19, 2022, 1:24 PM

One of the ring leaders of a brazen gang of thieves that made off with at least \$4 million in high-end automobiles, cellphones and cash-stuffed ATM machines in more than 180 break-ins along the shoreline was sentenced to 7 ½ years in prison Tuesday FBI agents said Joseph Cartagena, with his brother Alexander Santiago, 27, both of the Bronx, terrorized car dealerships and high end electronics stores along the shore while leading police on dozens of high speed pursuits for much of 2020 before their arrests the following January. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

WaPo: Doctor in 10-year-old's abortion case takes legal step against Indiana AG, Timothy Bella, July 19, 2022, 6:26 PM

Attorneys for the Indianapolis doctor who helped a 10-year-old Ohio rape victim obtain an abortion took the first legal step Tuesday in a possible defamation lawsuit against Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita (R) for his comments in a story that has captured international attention. Kathleen DeLaney filed a notice of tort claim against Rokita on behalf of her client, Caitlin Bernard, for "false and misleading statements" about the obstetrician/gynecologist in the days after she shared how she helped the child, who traveled to Indiana for an abortion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Biden warns schools not to overpunish students with disabilities, Donna St. George, July 19, 2022, 6:08 PM

The Biden administration issued new school discipline guidelines Tuesday aimed at cutting back on high rates of suspension and expulsion for students with disabilities by clarifying rules that the nation's schools are required to follow. Federal officials called the guidance "the most comprehensive ever released" on the civil rights of students with disabilities and said it would help as schools continue to try to rebound from more than two years of pandemic learning. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: N.J. man sentenced for racist, threatening text sent to Black woman in Maryland, Matt Gray, July 19, 2022, 6:13 PM

A federal judge has sentenced a New Jersey man to 30 days of confinement, in-patient drug treatment and three years of probation after he admitted sending racist and threatening messages to a Black woman in Maryland. In a plea agreement, Michael Marotta, 26, of Sewell, acknowledged that he used an anonymous text messaging app to threaten the woman and her family on April 14, 2020, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Maryland. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): U.S. Attorney: Hartland schools took steps to address concerns of race discrimination allegations, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 12:03 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan said it has resolved its investigation into allegations of racial discrimination by the Hartland Consolidated School District. According to the Department of Justice, an investigation began after a complaint was filed by someone who was a student and her guardian, alleging that the district failed to address racial harassment against her and other Black students. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Detroit News](#)

CIVIL LAW

CNN: Justice Department opens civil probe into Amazon's workplace safety practices, Kara Scannell, July 19, 2022, 2:33 PM

The US attorney's office in Manhattan has opened a civil investigation into workplace safety

at Amazon warehouses and possible "fraudulent" conduct to hide worker injuries from federal regulators, a spokesperson for the prosecutor's office said. Investigators with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Monday morning went to warehouses around New York City, Chicago and Orlando to conduct worker safety inspections on behalf of the US attorney's office, according to the spokesperson. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Vilsack Backs Pandemic-Era Subsidies For Minority Farmers, Caleb Symons, July 19, 2022, 6:53 PM

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack is defending a federal loan relief program for minority farmers, arguing in court Monday that the pandemic-era initiative is meant to redress the government's past discrimination and is an appropriate remedy for its misdeeds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: [OPINION] Biden's DOJ increases power and rewards political allies, Zack Smith, Paul J. Larkin, July 19, 2022, 6:30 PM

Bad news doesn't get better with age, and neither does a bad legal argument. Unfortunately, the Biden Justice Department recently proposed resurrecting a bad — and illegal — Obama-era practice that let left-wing operatives control a slush fund to reward their political allies with the public's money. And they want to do it without even making any effort to persuade Congress to authorize the giveaway. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): 'Reach a just verdict, regardless of the consequences,' judge tells Flint water crisis jury, Ron Fonger, July 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

A federal court judge has given the jury in a civil Flint water crisis trial plenty to think about before they return to hear closing arguments from attorneys representing four Flint children and two companies they are suing starting Wednesday, July 20. "You, not I, have the duty to determine the facts ... Reach a just verdict, regardless of the consequences," U.S. District Court Judge Judith E. Levy told the eight-person jury on Tuesday, July 19. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CNN: Man arrested in California for allegedly smuggling nearly \$3.7 million of fentanyl in his car tire and gas tank, Elizabeth Wolfe and Jarrod Wardwell, July 20, 2022, 3:27 AM

US Border Patrol agents arrested a man allegedly attempting to smuggle approximately 250 pounds of fentanyl in his truck's spare tire and gas tank near the Mexican-California border Monday, the agency said. Agents who searched the man's vehicle found several bundles of pills that tested positive for fentanyl, US Customs and Border Protection announced in a news release. The agency estimates the stash has a street value of \$3,679,000. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsweek](#)

Fox: LexisNexis faces pressure to terminate contract with ICE, Haley Chi-Sing, July 19, 2022, 4:29 PM

Database company LexisNexis is coming under fire regarding its contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) following reports that the agency used the database to track down illegal immigrants. Internal documents obtained by Just Futures Law and Mijente show that ICE conducted 1.2 million searches, including "Advanced Person Search" and "Real Time Phone Search," between March and September 2021 using the Accurant Virtual Crime Center (AVCC). AVCC is specifically geared towards police agencies, using nationwide crime data to "detect patterns and deploy resources efficiently," according to the LexisNexis site. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Law360: DOJ Action Advances \$5.4B Google Cybersecurity Co. Deal, Elaine Briseño, July 19, 2022, 5:24 PM

The U. S. Department of Justice gave Google the greenlight to proceed with its purchase of cybersecurity firm Mandiant after the proposed \$5. 4 billion deal was placed under a microscope following investor concerns, according to a filing with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The companies still expect the merger to wrap up by the end of 2022, according to the Friday filing. The DOJ granted early termination of the waiting period required for the merger under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Mozilla urges Congress to pass antitrust law in full page ad, Rebecca Klar, July 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

Mozilla, the company behind the Firefox browser, took out a full page ad in The Washington Post Wednesday to urge Congress to pass a key antitrust bill that aims to rein in the power of tech giants. The ad is an open letter to Congress calling for lawmakers to immediately pass the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Google Antitrust Judge Jumps Into Rare 'Hot Tub' Hearing, Bonnie Eslinger, July 19, 2022, 11:43 PM

A California federal judge peppered economic experts with questions Tuesday during a rare "hot tub" hearing over a proposed antitrust class action for potentially 90 million consumers accusing Google of unlawfully blocking competition to its Google Play app store and levying excessive fees on developers that were passed on to consumers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CORRECTIONS/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AP: Second inmate sentenced in stabbing death at federal prison, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 12:00 PM

A second federal inmate formerly housed in West Virginia has been sentenced to 25 years after pleading guilty in the fatal stabbing of another inmate. Northern West Virginia Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Kleeh sentenced Michael Owle, 33, on Monday after he pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting second-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon, The Exponent Telegram reported. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [WBOY-NBC/ABC \(Clarksburg, WV\)](#), [WDTV-CBS \(Weston, WV\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Law360: Attys Say DEA Stonewalled Drug-Related FOIA Requests, Sam Reisman, July 19, 2022, 4:53 PM

The U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration has been unlawfully stonewalling Freedom of Information Act requests seeking clarity about terminally ill patients' right to try psilocybin, according to a new lawsuit filed Tuesday in Texas federal court. According to the complaint, the DEA "has adopted an unlawful policy and pattern or practice. Specifically, the agency deems any FOIA request that requires the FOIA office to obtain a document from any other office 'complex' and, on that basis, categorizes virtually all FOIA requests as raising 'unusual circumstances. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDTN-NBC (Dayton, OH): FBI finds missing Ohio teen with kidnapper in Texas, Sarah Bean, July 19, 2022, 10:46 PM

The Cincinnati and El Paso FBI rescued an Ohio teen on Monday after she was found with

her kidnapper at a Texas bus station. According to a release by the El Paso FBI, FBI El Paso and Cincinnati Field Offices found the 15-year-old girl and her kidnapper, Roman Nguyen at the Greyhound Bus Station in central El Paso on July 18. Authorities said Nguyen was possibly on his way to San Diego, California, where he lives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WXIX-Fox \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#)

KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): \$10 million worth of jewelry stolen from Brink's tractor-trailer, FBI investigating, Sarah Bean, July 19, 2022, 9:00 PM

An estimated \$10 million of jewelry and gems were taken from a Brink's tractor-trailer parked at a remote Southern California rest stop prompting the Federal Bureau of investigation and local law enforcement agencies to continue an investigation Monday into the heist. The tractor-trailer had been traveling overnight from a jewelry show in the San Francisco Bay Area down to the Los Angeles region for another event. It was not immediately clear whether the suspects followed the vehicle along its 375-mile journey or stumbled across it at the rest stop in a crime of opportunity, according to Los Angeles Sheriff's Sgt. Michael Mileski. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): FBI seeking suspect in Cuyahoga Falls bank robbery, Justin McMullen, July 19, 2022, 7:25 PM

Law enforcement authorities are seeking information related to a Summit County bank robbery allegedly committed by a lone male last Thursday. The FBI Cleveland Division said in a news release that around 3:30 p.m. on July 14, the unidentified man threatened a teller at a Peoples Bank located on State Road in Cuyahoga Falls before leaving with an undisclosed sum of money. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOIO-CBS \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

US SUPREME COURT

WaPo: Brett Kavanaugh's neighbors: For abortion rights but tired of protests, Dan Morse and Ellie Silverman, July 19, 2022, 8:00 PM

On paper at least, Emily Strulson might seem a welcoming host to the weekly protests outside Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh's home. The 46-year-old artist, who lives a half-block away, first marched for abortion rights as a middle-schooler with her mom on the National Mall. The court's recent moves to overturn Roe v. Wade prompted her to chalk out a message on her driveway: "Reproduction Rights are Human Rights." And she has had more than 200 yard signs printed and distributed that echo the widely held sentiments of her left-leaning jurisdiction just north of Washington: "Chevy Chasers for Choice." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: 60% of Americans approved of the Supreme Court last July. Now, it's 38%, according to a new poll, Devan Cole, July 20, 2022, 5:00 AM

Americans' approval of the Supreme Court has fallen again, according to a new poll released Wednesday, with just 38% of the country saying it approves of the nation's highest court after it overturned Roe v. Wade -- a dramatic shift in public opinion from one year ago. The Marquette Law School poll provides key insight into how the country views the Supreme Court after its controversial decision to reverse nearly 50 years of precedent. Taken between July 5 and 12, just days after the court reversed Roe, the survey found that 61% of respondents said they disapproved of the nine justices and 38% said they approved.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Could Congress impeach Supreme Court justices for perjury?, Brad Dress, July 19, 2022, 4:32 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision last month to overturn the 50-year constitutional right to abortion prompted an outcry from activists who said they were misled during the justices'

confirmation hearings. Conservative Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett, who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade in a 5-4 vote, have been accused of misleading the public and members of the Senate about their intentions during their respective confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Reuters: **GOP senator opposes Biden's Wisconsin prosecutor nominee, likely dooming pick**, Nate Raymond, July 19, 2022, 4:52 PM

Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin on Tuesday said he will oppose President Joe Biden's selection of a lawyer at law firm Perkins Coie to serve as the top federal prosecutor in Madison, potentially dooming her nomination. Johnson cited now-deleted "partisan" tweets by Sopen Shah about Republicans and the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol in declaring he would not return a so-called "blue slip" supporting her nomination to become the second woman to serve as the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: **Michelle Childs Is Confirmed by Senate for U.S. Appeals Bench in Washington**, Jan Wolfe, July 19, 2022, 9:14 PM

The Senate on Tuesday confirmed U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, a prominent appeals court where several Supreme Court justices have served. Confirmed on a vote of 64-34, Judge Childs is set to replace Judge David Tatel, who in May took senior status, a form of semiretirement that creates a judicial vacancy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: **Treasury Urges DC Circ. To Nix Tribes' COVID-19 Funding Suit**, Joyce Hanson, July 19, 2022, 8:34 PM

The federal government has asked the D. C. Circuit to back its summary judgment win in an appeal filed by Native American tribes challenging its distribution of COVID-19 relief, saying a lower court properly held that the U. S. Department of the Treasury's funding allocation was well within its discretion. In its Friday appellate brief, the government argued its final allocation was not "arbitrary and capricious," as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida claim in their consolidated suits. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): **Ex-Canadian police officer sentenced for sex abuse of minors on Indian reservation**, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

A former Canadian police officer was sentenced Tuesday for sexually abusing minors on an Indian reservation in northern Minnesota. The U.S. Attorney's Office says 33-year-old Brady John Hillis, a Canadian citizen who used to be an Ontario Provincial police officer, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: **Biden to announce executive actions on climate**, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 4:41 AM

President Joe Biden will announce a set of executive actions aimed at addressing climate change on Wednesday in a visit to the site of a former coal-fired plant in Massachusetts that is playing a role in supporting the state's offshore wind industry. Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups have been calling for the White House to take aggressive measures on

climate change after Democratic Senator Joe Manchin said last week he was not ready to support key climate provisions in Congress, a critical loss in the evenly divided Senate.

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CONGRESS

AP: House passes same-sex marriage bill in retort to high court, Lisa Mascaro, July 19, 2022, 7:00 PM

The U.S. House overwhelmingly approved legislation Tuesday to protect same-sex and interracial marriages amid concerns that the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* abortion access could jeopardize other rights criticized by many conservatives. In a robust but lopsided debate, Democrats argued intensely and often personally in favor of enshrining marriage equality in federal law, while Republicans steered clear of openly rejecting gay marriage. Instead leading Republicans portrayed the bill as unnecessary amid other issues facing the nation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Washington Times: Democrats roll out wish list of climate change executive orders for Biden, Ramsey Touchberry, July 19, 2022, 7:18 PM

Democratic lawmakers and their environmentalist allies have a laundry list of executive actions on climate change that they want President Biden to take because Congress can't get the job done. [...] Direct the Department of Justice to get involved in ongoing local and state climate litigation against the fossil fuel industry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 19, 2022

- Steve Dettelbach is the newest Director of the ATF, marking the first time the agency will have a permanent leader in more than seven years. Dettelbach spoke about taking over the agency at such a critical time in America. [\[CBS\]](#)
- The Secret Service says those missing text messages from January 5th and 6th are presumably permanently deleted. Now, the National Archives is calling for an investigation into how those records could have been erased. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Emotions ran high at the school board meeting in Uvalde following the release of a report on the failed police response to the massacre at Robb Elementary school. Some parents are demanding the school's police chief be fired immediately, he is currently on leave. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Vladimir Putin took a rare trip outside Russia today in which he met with Iran's supreme leader, who gave his support of the invasion of Ukraine, and the two countries announced an oil deal. Meanwhile, Ukrainian first lady Olena Zelenska visited the White House on Tuesday, part of her high-profile trip to Washington as the Russian war in her country enters its sixth month. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- NYC police are searching for a gunman who shot and killed a crew member working on the TV show "Law and Order: Organized Crime." Police say the crew member was saving parking spaces for filming in Brooklyn when he was shot in the head and neck. [\[CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety is alleging the company that made the weapon used in the Uvalde shooting, Daniel Defense, "preys on at-risk young men" in their advertising. Now, they're encouraging the FTC to investigate its marketing practices. [\[CBS\]](#)
- The Democratic-led House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to pass a bill that

would enshrine protections for same-sex marriage into federal law. [[ABC](#)]

- Steve Bannon, an advisor to former President Trump, is now on trial. Bannon is charged with contempt of Congress for failing to comply with the January 6th investigation. “All hell is going to break loose tomorrow,” Bannon said the day before the Capitol insurrection. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Putin Says Russia Will Honor Europe Gas Commitments” [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “Secret Service says it can’t recover Jan. 6 texts; National Archives seeks details” [[WaPo](#)]
- “L.A. County’s push for mask rules ignites a familiar debate” [[LAT](#)]

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JAN. 6 ATTACK & 2020 ELECTION PROBES

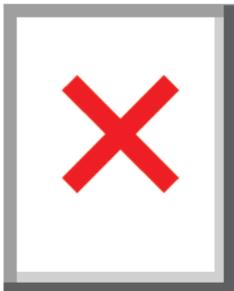
The Georgia prosecutors scrutinizing former President Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election said yesterday that all 16 "fake electors" are now targets of an ongoing criminal investigation. "Each of the sixteen persons who signed the unofficial Elector Certificate ultimately submitted to the National Archives received a similar target letter alerting that person both that his testimony was required by the special purpose grand jury and that he was a target of the investigation," prosecutors said. The significant development indicates prosecutors are moving closer to possible criminal charges against those involved in the scheme. Zachary Cohen, Sara Murray and Jason Morris report for [CNN](#).

The Secret Service was only able to provide a single text exchange to the Department of Homeland Security inspector general who had requested a month's worth of records, according to a letter to the Jan. 6 committee. This revelation provides insight into the concern raised in a previous letter to Congress by the inspector general, who accused the agency of not retaining records needed for the Jan. 6 investigation. In June 2021 Inspector General Joseph Cuffari requested text messages sent and received by 24 Secret Service personnel between Dec. 7, 2020, and Jan. 8, 2021, according to the previously unreported letter. "The Secret Service submitted the responsive records it identified, namely, a text message conversation from former US Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund to former Secret Service Uniformed Division Chief Thomas Sullivan requesting assistance on January 6, 2021, and advised the agency did not have any further records responsive to the DHS OIG's request for text messages," Assistant Director Ronald Rowe wrote in the letter. Jamie Gangel reports for [CNN](#).

The Secret Service has no new text messages related to the Jan. 6 attack to hand over to the Jan. 6 committee, a source familiar with the matter has said. The Secret Service plans to do a "forensic examination" of agents' phones identified in the inspector general's report, the source said, adding that the agency does not expect this will yield relevant emails or other records. The Jan. 6 committee had given the Secret

Service until yesterday morning to turn over the text messages it had subpoenaed. However, according to committee member Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), whilst the Secret Service has provided lots of documents and some data, the committee has not received the additional text messages they were looking for. Scott Wong and Peter Nicholas report for [NBC News](#).

Arguments in the federal trial of former Trump strategist Steve Bannon began yesterday, with prosecutors saying in opening statements that Bannon “decided he was above the law” by defying a subpoena to testify before the Jan. 6 committee. Bannon’s defense claimed that the case against him arose from a politically charged Congress, with Bannon telling reporters outside court that the Jan. 6 committee had launched a “show trial.” The trial is set to continue today. Spencer S. Hsu, Tom Jackman, Devlin Barrett and Shayna Jacobs report for the [Washington Post](#).

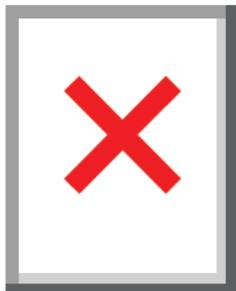


OTHER DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS

Americans' approval of the Supreme Court has fallen again, according to a new poll released yesterday. The Marquette Law School poll, which was conducted just days after the court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, found that only 38% of respondents approved of the nine justices. Just one year ago, in July 2021, the Marquette poll showed 60% approval. Devan Cole reports for [CNN](#).

Democratic members of Congress were among those arrested by Capitol Police yesterday as part of an abortion rights protest in front of the Supreme Court. The U.S. Capitol Police tweeted: "Demonstrators are starting to block First Street, NE. It is against the law to block traffic, so officers are going to give our standard three warnings before they start making arrests." Capitol police later said they had arrested 34 people in total, including 16 members of Congress. Edward-Isaac Dovere reports for [CNN](#).

The House yesterday passed a bill that would provide protection for same-sex and interracial marriage under federal law. The 267-157 vote on the Respect for Marriage Act followed concerns from Democratic lawmakers that the recent supreme court ruling ending abortion rights could endanger other precedents. The chamber is also set to vote on the Right to Contraception Act - both pieces of legislation would enshrine into law rights not enumerated in the Constitution but that the court has recognized in recent decades. Eliza Collins reports for the [Wall Street Journal](#).



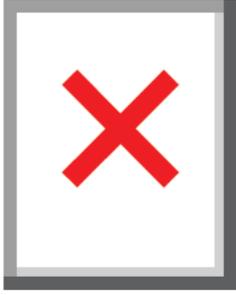
U.S. RELATIONS

Top national security officials warned yesterday about the continuing threat of election interference from abroad. During a cyber security conference in Manhattan, FBI director, Christopher Wray, emphasized that Russia could still seek to meddle or promote disinformation during the 2022 midterm races, even as it wages war on Ukraine. Iran and China also remain potent threats, mounting their own campaigns to undermine American democracy, Wray and other officials speaking at the conference said. Adam Goldman reports for the [New York Times](#).

Law-enforcement authorities recently disrupted a North Korean state-sponsored hacking campaign that targeted hospitals and other medical facilities in the U.S., Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said yesterday. The disruption was part of a Justice Department operation that included the cryptocurrency seizure of about half a million dollars in ransom payments. The operation is the latest example of the Biden administration's strategy to rely less on charging foreign hackers who may never see a courtroom and instead dedicate resources to combatting cyberattacks before they can do more damage, Monaco said. Dustin Volz reports for the [Wall Street Journal](#).

China issued a fresh warning yesterday that a Taiwan visit by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi would deeply damage U.S.-China relations. Zhao Lijian, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, said that such a visit would "have a severe negative impact on the political foundation of China-U.S. relations, and send a gravely wrong signal to 'Taiwan independence' separatist forces." The statement follows news that

Pelosi plans to make a trip to the island in August. James T. Areddy reports for the [Wall Street Journal](#).



RUSSIA, UKRAINE

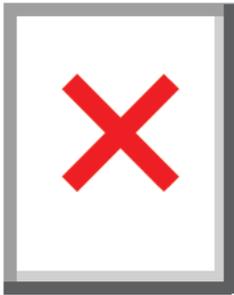
Ukrainian shelling has badly damaged the crucial Antonivskiy bridge in the Russia-controlled Kherson region of southern Ukraine, Moscow-installed regional authorities have said. The bridge - one of only two crossing points for Russian forces to territory they have occupied on the western bank of the vast Dnipro river in southern Ukraine - has been a key target for Ukrainian forces in recent days, with Kyiv using high-precision U.S.-supplied rockets to try to destroy it. [Reuters](#) reports.

The geographical objectives of Moscow's "special military operation" in Ukraine are no longer limited to the eastern Donbas region but include a number of other territories, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said. Russia's objectives will expand still further if the West delivers long-range weapons to Kyiv, he added. [Reuters](#) reports.

The White House has warned that Russia is beginning to roll out its plans to annex large parts of southern Ukraine by installing proxy officials and preparing to hold sham referendums. John Kirby, head of strategic communications at the U.S. National Security Council, told reporters: "Russia is beginning to roll out a version of what you could call an annexation playbook — very similar to the one we saw in 2014," referring to when the Kremlin sent special forces into Crimea to capture territory before holding a carefully controlled referendum on sovereignty. "Already Russia is installing illegitimate proxy officials in the areas of Ukraine that are under its control, and we know their next moves," he added. "First, these proxy officials will arrange sham referenda on joining Russia, then Russia will use those sham referendums as a basis to try to claim annexation of sovereign Ukrainian territory." The Kremlin had detailed plans in place to annex the cities of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, as well as the entire Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Kiran Stacey reports for the [Financial Times](#).

Russian President Vladimir Putin ended his summit in Tehran with an endorsement from Iran for its invasion of Ukraine. “War is a violent and difficult endeavor, and the Islamic Republic is not at all happy that people are caught up in war, But in the case of Ukraine, if you had not taken the helm, the other side would have done so and initiated a war,” Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Putin, according to the supreme leader’s office. Khamenei’s endorsement of the war went well beyond the much more cautious support offered by another key Russian ally, China, embracing Putin’s claim that the West had left the Kremlin no choice but to act. It was a signal to the world that with Europe and the United States now hitting Russia with sanctions comparable to those that have suffocated Iran’s economy for years, the long-fraught relationship between Moscow and Tehran may be becoming a true partnership. Anton Troianovski and Farnaz Fassihi report for the [New York Times](#).

The Biden administration is putting \$100 million into a new program to provide Ukrainian farmers with vital supplies. Some Ukrainian farms have turned into battlefields, and farmers who have maintained their harvests have been unable to get machinery and other key supplies including fertilizer, seeds and storage bins that would typically arrive through Black Sea ports due to Russia’s ongoing blockade of Ukrainian ports. It is hoped that the new program will allow farmers to maintain future harvests, alleviating the global food security crisis that has been exacerbated by Russia’s war in Ukraine. Kylie Atwood reports for [CNN](#).



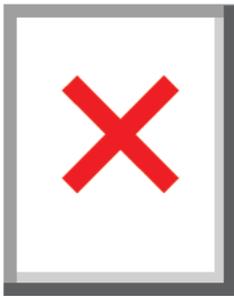
OTHER GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS

Sri Lankan MPs have elected prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe as the country's new president, despite his unpopularity with the public. Speaking to parliament following his win he urged for unity and bipartisanship moving forward, saying that the nation was “in a very difficult situation” and there were “big challenges ahead.” Protestors and activists, who had called for his resignation alongside that of former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, have expressed despair and disappointment over his appointment. Frances Mao and Anbarasan Ethirajan report for [BBC](#)

[News](#)

Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi has stepped back from resigning, calling for a new pact to save his unity government from collapse. Six days after the president rejected his resignation, Draghi said it was impossible to ignore the many Italians calling for the coalition to survive. Draghi tendered his resignation last week when the populist Five Star Movement pulled out of a confidence vote over policy disagreements. Now Draghi has decided to face down the Five Star movement and stay. A confidence vote will take place on Wednesday evening, which he will need to pass to remain in the job. Mark Lowen and Paul Kirby report for [BBC News](#).

China is asking the U.N. to bury a highly-anticipated report on human rights violations in Xinjiang, according to a letter seen by Reuters and confirmed by three diplomats. The letter, which China began circulating among diplomatic missions in Geneva from late June, expresses "grave concern" about the Xinjiang report and aims to halt its release. "The assessment (on Xinjiang), if published, will intensify politicisation and bloc confrontation in the area of human rights, undermine the credibility of the OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), and harm the cooperation between OHCHR and member states," the letter says. United Nations High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet, who faced severe criticism from human rights organisations for being too soft on China during her May visit, has pledged to publish a report on the region before stepping down at the end of August. Emma Farge reports for [Reuters](#).



COVID-19

COVID-19 has infected over 89.54 million people and has now killed over 1.02 million people in the United States, according to [data](#) compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Globally, there have been over 562.475million confirmed coronavirus cases and over 6.37 million deaths. Sergio Hernandez, Sean O'Key, Amanda Watts, Byron Manley and Henrik Pettersson report for [CNN](#).

A map and analysis of the vaccine rollout across the U.S. is available at the [New York Times](#).

A map and analysis of all confirmed cases of the virus in the U.S. is available at the [New York Times](#).

U.S. and worldwide maps tracking the spread of the pandemic are available at the [Washington Post](#).

A state-by-state guide to lockdown measures and reopenings is provided by the [New York Times](#).



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[8 Top Experts on Strength of Dominion Suing Trump for Defamation, If It Wants To](#)
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DOJ

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CONGRESS

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: After the Highland Park Attack: Protecting Our Communities from Mass Shootings.
- 10:00 AM: House Judiciary Committee: H.R. 2814, the Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act; H.R. 1808, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2021.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: US disrupts North Korean hackers that targeted hospitals, Eric Tucker, July 19, 2022, 3:30 PM
The FBI and Justice Department recently disrupted the activities of a hacking group that was sponsored by the North Korean government and that targeted U.S. hospitals with ransomware, ultimately recovering half a million dollars in ransom payments, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said Tuesday. Monaco revealed new details of the attacks during a speech in which she encouraged organizations hit by ransomware to report

the crime to law enforcement, both so that officials can investigate and so that they can help victim companies try to get ransom payments back. In this case, Monaco said, a Kansas hospital that paid a ransom last year after being attacked by ransomware also contacted the FBI, which traced the payment and identified China-based money launderers who assisted the North Korean hackers in cashing out the illicit proceeds. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [UPI](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: [VIDEO] Garland highlights ATF's role in responses to mass shootings, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 5:04 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland spoke July 19 at the swearing in of Steve Dettelbach as director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. [[Watch](#)]

USA Today: A.G. Merrick Garland memo suggests no federal indictment of Donald Trump before November election, David Jackson, July 19, 2022, 7:11 PM

Don't expect a federal indictment of Donald Trump over the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection before the November election, legal analysts say a newly revealed Justice Department memo suggests. Attorney General Merrick Garland reminded U.S. Department of Justice officials that extra steps are required before action can be taken in politically sensitive cases during the fall election season and unprecedented charges against a former president would certainly seem to qualify. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#), [MSNBC](#), [WaPo](#)

Bloomberg: DOJ Says Probe of Trump's Jan. 6 Role Will Continue If He Declares 2024 Run, Chris Strohm, July 19, 2022, 10:14 PM

The Justice Department's investigation into efforts by Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the 2020 election results won't be deterred if the former president declares his intention to run again, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said. "We're going to continue to do our job, to follow the facts wherever they go, no matter where they lead, no matter to what level," Monaco said Tuesday at a cybersecurity conference in New York. "We're going to continue to investigate what was fundamentally an attack on our democracy." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Justice Department offers assurances on investigation of Trump and Big Lie cohort, Adam Lidgett, July 20, 2022, 1:00 AM

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said that the Justice Department's investigation of efforts by Donald Trump and his supporters to overturn Trump's 2020 election loss will not be altered if Trump declares his candidacy for 2024, after Rachel Maddow shared a Justice Department memo outlining policies regarding candidates for office. Joyce Vance, former U.S. attorney, offers her perspective. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Times: [OPINION] Biden's DOJ increases power and rewards political allies, Zack Smith, Paul J. Larkin, July 19, 2022, 6:30 PM

Bad news doesn't get better with age, and neither does a bad legal argument. Unfortunately, the Biden Justice Department recently proposed resurrecting a bad and illegal Obama-era practice that let left-wing operatives control a slush fund to reward their political allies with the public's money. And they want to do it without even making any effort to persuade Congress to authorize the giveaway. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: DOJ pitches Senate on use of anti-mafia laws to seize Russian assets, Tobias Burns, July 19, 2022, 4:48 PM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) asked Congress for permission on Tuesday to use a sweeping set of laws originally designed to break up the mafia as part of their efforts to pursue the assets of the Russian elite following the country's war in Ukraine. The DOJ wants to include violations of sanctions and export controls in

its definition of racketeering under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO Act, which allowed federal prosecutors in the 1980s and 1990s to go after organized crime rings on charges of extortion and murder for hire. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRMG-AM (Tulsa, OK): 3 Oklahoma prosecutors receive exceptional service awards during Annual Attorney General's Awards, Dana Nickel, July 19, 2022, 6:55 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland recently announced the recipients for the 69th Annual Attorney General's Awards, recognizing Department of Justice employees and partners for extraordinary contributions to the enforcement of our nation's laws. this year, 298 Justice Department employees received awards, while 54 non-department people were also honored for their work. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Shannon Cozzoni, Ryan Roberts and Edward Snow, of the Northern District of Oklahoma, were all recognized for Exceptional Service in Indian Country. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KZRG \(Joplin, MO\)](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Romanian man extradited to U.S. on hacking charges over virus that hit NASA, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 4:34 PM

A Romanian man accused of helping distribute a computer virus that infected more than 1 million computers and caused big financial losses worldwide has been extradited to the United States, federal prosecutors said on Tuesday. Mihai Paunescu, 37, is accused of running a hosting service that helped distribute the Gozi virus, which stole personal bank account information while remaining virtually undetectable. He made an initial appearance on Monday in federal court in Manhattan, where he was ordered detained. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Trial delayed for man pictured in Pelosi's office at riot, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal trial has been delayed for an Arkansas man who was photographed with his feet on a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office during the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot. A federal judge on Monday moved the trial for Richard Barnett, of Gravette, from Sept. 6 to Dec. 12. The delay was requested because Barnett's attorney has been recovering from COVID-19 and Lyme disease. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Second inmate sentenced in stabbing death at federal prison, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 12:00 PM

A second federal inmate formerly housed in West Virginia has been sentenced to 25 years after pleading guilty in the fatal stabbing of another inmate. Northern West Virginia Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Kleeh sentenced Michael Owle, 33, on Monday after he pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting second-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon, The Exponent Telegram reported. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [WBOY-NBC/ABC \(Clarksburg, WV\)](#), [WDTV-CBS \(Weston, WV\)](#)

AP: Biden order aims to punish captors of Americans held abroad, Eric Tucker, July 19, 2022, 8:30 AM

President Joe Biden signed an executive order Tuesday aimed at increasing the flow of information to families of Americans detained abroad and at imposing sanctions on the criminals, terrorists or government officials who hold them captive. It is unclear if the new order will result in bringing home more Americans jailed in foreign countries, but senior Biden administration officials who previewed the action to reporters said they regard it as an important way to raise the cost of hostage-taking and to punish captors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: How aggressive border control tactics in Texas contributed to inaction during Uvalde shooting, Celina Tebor, July 19, 2022, 9:14 PM

Robb Elementary students were used to lockdowns. From February to May, the school in Uvalde, Texas, had been secured or locked down 47 times. When a lockdown alert came May 24 the day an 18-year-old

shooter killed 19 students and two teachers many administrators, teachers and law enforcement responders initially assumed it was like the 47 other lockdowns, according to a report by the Texas House of Representatives outlining the most grievous failures during the shooting response. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Intelligence Agencies Say Russia Election Threat Persists Amid Ukraine War, Adam Goldman, July 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

Top national security officials warned on Tuesday about the continuing threat of election interference from abroad, emphasizing that Russia could still seek to meddle or promote disinformation during the 2022 midterm races even as it wages war in Ukraine. "I am quite confident the Russians can walk and chew gum," Christopher A. Wray, the F.B.I. director, said during a cybersecurity conference in Manhattan, where he spoke alongside Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, the head of the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: ISIS Fighters' Children Are Growing Up in a Desert Camp. What Will They Become?, Charlie Savage, July 19, 2022, 4:30 PM

Viewed from a helicopter, this enormous camp that holds the wives and children of dead or captured Islamic State fighters was a sea of white tents against the desolate landscape of drought-stricken northeastern Syria. From the ground, the human dimension of this tragedy came into focus. As a convoy of armored vehicles made its way up a dusty road, children emerged to stand at the fence amid garbage. Some waved. One boy, in a faded "Star Wars" shirt, stood with hands clasped behind his back. Another, in an oversize polo shirt, held aloft a star folded from paper. Al Hol is a detention camp for people displaced by the ISIS war guards do not let residents walk out its gates.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Top spokeswoman for Nevada Republican Senate nominee marched on Jan. 6 with Oath Keepers, including one charged with sedition, Andrew Kaczynski, July 19, 2022, 8:14 PM

The new communications director for the Republican Senate nominee in Nevada -- a key state that could determine control in Washington -- marched to the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, with two members of the far-right extremist group the Oath Keepers including one who was later charged with sedition and another with breaking into the Capitol and at least two others who were charged for illegally entering the building, according to videos reviewed by CNN's KFile. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Man arrested after attempting to access closed roadway near first lady's motorcade, Pierre Thomas and Ben Gittleson, July 19, 2022, 6:24 AM

A man was arrested on Monday after allegedly attempting to access a roadway closed off for Jill Biden's motorcade, according to the United States Secret Service. The man was charged with assault on police, failure to obey, crossing a police line and resisting arrest, officials said. "The individual struggled with uniform division officers and was ultimately placed into custody," the Secret Service told ABC News. "Two officers were sent to an area hospital for evaluation following the minor physical confrontation." The first lady's office declined to comment on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Biden administration pushes to close the growing cybersecurity workforce gap, Brian Fung, July 19, 2022, 2:57 PM

The Biden administration is pushing to fill hundreds of thousands of cybersecurity jobs in the United States as part of a bid to close a talent shortage US officials describe as both a national security challenge and an economic opportunity. On Tuesday, the administration announced a multi-agency plan to create hundreds of registered apprenticeship programs with the private sector to flesh out the nation's cybersecurity workforce and defend against a rising tide of data breaches, ransomware attacks and other hacking incidents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Twitter gets a win against Musk with fast-tracked trial**, Rebecca Klar, Chris Mills Rodrigo and Ines Kagubare, July 19, 2022, 6:45 PM

[...] In other news, the Department of Justice and the FBI disrupted ransomware operations of a North Korean state-sponsored group that targeted U.S. medical facilities, recovering roughly a half-million dollars in ransom payments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Roll Call: **Senate support builds to seize, liquidate Russian oligarch assets**, Rachel Oswald, July 19, 2022, 6:14 PM

Senators are making headway on a potentially significant piece of bipartisan legislation that would give the Justice Department new authorities to seize and liquidate ill-gotten assets of Russian oligarchs and use the proceeds to benefit the people of Ukraine. At a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Tuesday, Democrats and Republicans debated the pros and cons of the legislation from Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., which would create a narrow and expiring authority for the Justice Department to open civil forfeiture proceedings against the frozen assets of Russian individuals found to be tied to criminal activities and to redirect the proceeds of forfeitures to humanitarian and economic aid for Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **DOJ Action Advances \$5.4B Google Cybersecurity Co. Deal**, Elaine Briseño, July 19, 2022, 5:24 PM

The U. S. Department of Justice gave Google the greenlight to proceed with its purchase of cybersecurity firm Mandiant after the proposed \$5. 4 billion deal was placed under a microscope following investor concerns, according to a filing with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The companies still expect the merger to wrap up by the end of 2022, according to the Friday filing. The DOJ granted early termination of the waiting period required for the merger under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: **He Tracked Down Nazi War Criminals. Now He's Investigating Atrocities In Ukraine**, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 5:05 PM

How serious is the U.S. about investigating Russian war crimes in Ukraine? They put Eli Rosenbaum on the case. He's best known for directing the Department of Justice special investigations unit which tracked down Nazis who had gone into hiding after World War II. He lays out the challenges of conducting an investigation in the midst of an ongoing war. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Detroit Free Press: **Meet Ryan Kelley, the Republican candidate for governor who got a boost from FBI arrest**, Paul Egan, July 19, 2022, 5:42 PM

When Hillary Clinton lost the 2016 presidential election to Donald Trump, many Democrats blamed the FBI for disclosing, 11 days before the vote, that they had reopened an investigation into her handling of emails. But if Ryan Kelley wins the Republican primary for governor Aug. 2, his supporters may thank the FBI, which arrested and charged him June 9 for his involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: **The FBI says cyber threats are on the rise in Milwaukee. Here's what to do if you're attacked.**, Hannah Hernandez, July 19, 2022, 4:38 PM

The volume of cyber threats is climbing, according to the FBI. All types of businesses in Milwaukee are at risk, from Fortune 500 giants to mom-and-pop retailers. The two most common cyber attacks are ransomware and business email compromise, though cryptocurrency theft has also become a growing trend. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WITI-Fox \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: Trump ex-adviser Bannon felt he was 'above the law,' prosecution tells jury, Sarah N. Lynch, July 19, 2022, 8:30 AM

Federal prosecutors are due to start presenting their case on Tuesday in the trial of Steve Bannon, a prominent former presidential adviser to Donald Trump, on charges of contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena from the committee investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol. Bannon, 68, is facing two misdemeanor counts after he declined last year to provide testimony or documents to the Democratic-led House of Representatives select committee. Prosecutors and Bannon's defense are set to present opening statements in the trial once jury selection is completed. U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols is presiding.

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LAT: [OPINION] There is a gap in the evidence we've seen against Trump. We have to rely on the DOJ to fill it, Harry Litman, July 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

The criticism of the Department of Justice continues to grow: Detractors see the department as too far behind the Jan. 6 committee. They want to know why Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland and the Justice Department have yet to come forward with a serious criminal charge against Donald Trump. These gloomy observations miss at least one crucial point: There is a gap in the committee's development of the Jan. 6 evidence for the most serious yet fitting charge against Trump. And it seems likely that only the Justice Department can fill it.

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WSJ: Secret Service Records Provided to Jan. 6 Committee Include No New Texts, Alexa Corse and Scott Patterson, July 19, 2022, 11:39 PM

Documents provided by the Secret Service to the Jan. 6 select committee on Tuesday didn't include any previously undisclosed text messages from Jan. 5 or 6, 2021, according to a person familiar with the matter and a document reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

Bloomberg: National Archives Demands Report on Lost Secret Service Texts, Chris Strohm and Erik Wasson, July 19, 2022, 5:13 PM

The keeper of federal records asked the Secret Service to determine whether any text messages by agents around the time of the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol were improperly deleted. The National Archives and Records Administration said in a letter Tuesday to the agency that it must submit a report within 30 days documenting what occurred. "This report must include a complete description of the records affected, a statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the deletion of messages, a statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation, and details of all agency actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records," the National Archives wrote. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: Jan. 6 committee Chairman Bennie Thompson has COVID-19, is likely to miss Thursday hearing, Sarah D. Wire, July 19, 2022, 11:02 AM

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Jan. 6 committee, is likely to miss the panel's Thursday hearing after contracting COVID-19. Thompson tested positive for the coronavirus Monday and has mild symptoms, he said in a statement. He plans to isolate for several days in accordance with federal guidelines. Committee staff said Thompson has instructed them to proceed with Thursday's prime-time hearing, scheduled for 5 p.m. Pacific. The hearing will examine in detail what former President Trump was doing in the 187 minutes between when the attack on the Capitol began and when Trump released a video urging rioters to go home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: ‘Gutless’: Steve Bannon rips Bennie Thomson for not showing up for contempt trial, Joseph Clark, July 19, 2022, 5:42 PM

Stephen K. Bannon ripped House Jan. 6 Committee Chairman Bennie G. Thompson as “gutless” for sending a staff member to testify as the prosecution’s first witness in the former Trump adviser’s trial on charges of criminal contempt of Congress. Kristin Amerling, the Jan. 6 committee’s deputy staff director and chief counsel, began outlining the case against Mr. Bannon on Tuesday in federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Last-chance hearing: Jan. 6 committee has yet to establish a criminal case against Trump, Jonathan Turley, July 19, 2022, 11:10 AM

The eighth and final scheduled hearing of the House Jan. 6 select committee is scheduled for Thursday, and its members reportedly will present a time line of events on that day, particularly the 187 minutes between the end of then-President Trump’s speech on the Ellipse and his call for supporters to leave the Capitol. It will again replay moments from the horrific to the heroic. What it has not shown thus far, however, is what was promised at the outset: a clear criminal case against Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Georgia Republicans challenge subpoenas in Trump fake elector probe, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 8:15 PM

Georgia Republicans accused of playing a role in attempts by ex-President Donald Trump and his supporters to overturn his 2020 election defeat asked a judge to throw out subpoenas issued for upcoming hearings, court papers showed on Tuesday. Trump has falsely claimed that rampant voter fraud caused his loss in Georgia, a key battleground state where President Joe Biden was victorious, helping him win the White House. [...] The Justice Department has been investigating an alleged plan by Trump and his supporters to submit alternative slates of state electors to reverse Biden’s victory in the election. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Californian sentenced for \$27M phony COVID aid attempt, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Southern California man who tried to obtain \$27 million in unemployment benefits by falsely claiming his business was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic was sentenced Tuesday to more than 11 years in federal prison. Robert Benlevi, 53, of the Encino area of Los Angeles received a 135-month sentence following his March conviction for bank fraud, money laundering and making false statements to a financial institution, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [City News Service](#), [Courthouse News](#)

Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA): Former Reynolds College financial aid director gets 5-plus years in \$230K theft of student aid funds, Mark Bowes, July 19, 2022, 2:30 PM

In what federal authorities described as a “monumental betrayal of the public trust,” the former financial aid director at Reynolds Community College was sentenced Tuesday to more than five years in prison for orchestrating a scheme that resulted in the theft of at least \$230,850 in federal and state student loan and grant funds. The loss may have been as high as \$397,602. Kiesha Lashawn Pope, 48, “used her sensitive government position to enrich herself to the detriment of the public trust and the students she was meant to serve,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Avi Panth said in arguing the gravity of Pope’s corruption requires a stiff punishment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Boston Globe: New Bedford gang leader sentenced to seven years in prison, Camilo Fonseca, July 19,

2022, 10:00 PM

A New Bedford gang leader received seven years in prison for racketeering on Tuesday, officials said the latest sentencing in a broad federal case against members of the Latin Kings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Haven Register: Feds: Missouri man pleads guilty in fraud scheme that swindled Darien investment company, Liz Hardaway, July 19, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Missouri man pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to a \$7 million fraud scheme related to his commercial aircraft supply businesses, according to federal prosecutors. As part of the scheme, Kyle J. Wine, 41, of Lee's Summit, Mo., induced an investment firm based in Darien to put \$4.5 million into the supposed acquisition and sale of an Airbus A320-231 airframe and two aircraft engines, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Times of San Diego: Tijuana Man Arrested in Campo, Charged with Smuggling 249 Pounds of Fentanyl, Elizabeth Ireland, July 19, 2022, 9:30 PM

A Tijuana man arrested in eastern San Diego County for allegedly smuggling nearly 250 pounds of fentanyl into the U.S. was charged Tuesday by San Diego federal prosecutors. Alexis Benito Nuno, 24, was allegedly driving a pickup truck at around 3 a.m. Monday when he was stopped by U.S. Border Patrol Agents on eastbound Interstate 8 near Golden Acorn Casino in the Campo area. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald: Como man sentenced to 150 months in prison, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

Craig Wayne Simpson, 53, of Como was sentenced here July 11 to 150 months in prison and five years of supervised release for producing and trafficking meth. The sentencing judge noted several factors contributing to the sentence including the substantial risk to human life caused by the production of meth, Simpson's possession of a loaded shotgun, and the fact that, during the sentencing hearing, the defendant admitted he had lied under oath during the trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Philadelphia Inquirer: Two ex-SEPTA managers sent to prison for fraud scheme that cost the agency nearly \$1M, Jeremy Roebuck, July 19, 2022, 12:30 PM

Two former senior SEPTA maintenance managers were sentenced to prison Tuesday for leading a scheme in which they and nine of their subordinates bilked the transit agency out of hundreds of thousands of dollars over six years. A federal judge ordered David Abell the agency's former senior director for maintenance to spend five years behind bars for originating the scheme, which involved colluding with vendors to charge for goods that were never provided and pocketing the proceeds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News: Retired school psychologist sentenced to prison on child pornography charge, Dale Anderson, July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

A retired school psychologist has been sentenced to five years in prison and 15 years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Lawrence J. Vilaro following his conviction on a child pornography charge, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross reported. David M. Calaiacovo, 65, of Hamburg, pleaded guilty of possession of child pornography involving a prepubescent minor, Ross said. He had worked in elementary schools in the West Seneca School District for 35 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: N.J. man admits creating fake company to steal \$500K in COVID relief funds, Chris Sheldon, July 19, 2022, 5:41 PM

A New Jersey man admitted Tuesday that he created a fake company to get COVID-19 relief funds and also admitted fraudulently obtaining unemployment benefits and having a ghost gun, federal prosecutor said. Stephen Bennett, 46, of Berlin, pleaded guilty in Camden federal court to one count of bank fraud conspiracy,

one count of wire fraud, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

State Journal-Register (Springfield, IL): **Springfield man sentenced to seven years in prison for possession of child porn**, Steven Spearie, July 19, 2022, 4:38 PM

A Springfield man was sentenced in federal court last week to seven years in prison for receipt and possession of child pornography. Donald Dorosheff, 75, will also face 10 years of supervised release and was ordered to pay \$12,500 in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCIA-CBS \(Champaign, IL\)](#), [WICS-ABC \(Springfield, IL\)](#)

Hartford Courant: **Ring leader in burglary gang that stole millions in merchandise, terrorized CT businesses sentenced to prison**, Edmund H. Mahony, July 19, 2022, 1:24 PM

One of the ring leaders of a brazen gang of thieves that made off with at least \$4 million in high-end automobiles, cellphones and cash-stuffed ATM machines in more than 180 break-ins along the shoreline was sentenced to 7 ½ years in prison Tuesday FBI agents said Josepher Cartagena, with his brother Alexander Santiago, 27, both of the Bronx, terrorized car dealerships and high end electronics stores along the shore while leading police on dozens of high speed pursuits for much of 2020 before their arrests the following January. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Mitchell Republic (Mitchell SD): **Kyle woman pleads not guilty to child abuse, murder in 2020 malnutrition death of 2-month-old child**, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 12:18 PM

A Kyle woman is facing life in prison after a federal grand jury charged her with murder and child abuse in the 2020 death of a child. Billie Jean Red Owl, 34, of Kyle, was indicted Nov. 18, 2021, on one count of first-degree murder and one count of felony child abuse. On Monday, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota announced she pleaded not guilty to both charges before U.S. Magistrate Judge Daneta Wollmann. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMIZ-ABC (Columbia, MO): **Fulton man pleads guilty in federal court to secretly recording teen victims**, Karl Wehmhoener, July 19, 2022, 9:35 PM

A Fulton man who secretly recorded two teenage victims pleaded guilty in federal court to attempting to produce child pornography. Craig Michael Glover, 52, pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to produce child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCRG-ABC \(Cedar Rapids, IA\)](#)

WXIX-Fox (Cincinnati, OH): **27 years for Tri-State man who used Snapchat to get child porn from victims**, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 7:51 PM

A Warren County man could spend the next 27 years in federal prison after authorities say he solicited sexual images of minor victims over Snapchat. Steven Richard Stiles, 34, received his sentence Tuesday from U.S. District Judge David Bunning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAVY-NBC (Portsmouth, VA): **2 Chesapeake men plead guilty to possessing firearms as convicted felons**, Julius Ayo, July 19, 2022, 7:44 PM

Two men from Chesapeake have pleaded guilty to possessing firearms as convicted felons. According to court documents, 28-year-old Brian Ellis and 30-year-old Raymond Wyche bought and sold firearms as convicted felons between October 2021 and January 2022. Wyche was serving a federal term of supervised release from a previous federal conviction for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WVEC-ABC \(Hampton, VA\)](#)

WDIV-NBC (Detroit, MI): **Former Highland Park detective sentenced to 2 years for conspiring to**

distribute fentanyl-laced heroin, Brandon Carr, July 19, 2022, 6:11 PM

A former Highland Park police detective has been sentenced to two years in federal prison for conspiring to distribute fentanyl-laced heroin. Grosse Pointe resident Tiffany Lipkovitch, 47, was convicted of conspiring to distribute the controlled substance. Lipkovitch has been a detective with the Highland Park Police Department since 2011. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRMG-AM (Tulsa, OK): Prostitution sting arrest results in 9-year prison sentence for Norman man, Dana Nickel, July 19, 2022, 5:43 PM

Earlier this week, 41-year-old Eugene Deshon Hall, of Norman, was sentenced to serve more than nine years in federal prison for illegal possession of a firearm after previously being convicted of a felony, according to U.S. Attorney Robert J. Troester. On Oct. 19, 2021, a federal grand jury returned a two-count Superseding Indictment that alleged illegal possession of a firearm and witness tampering. According to federal law, it's prohibited for a person who has been previously convicted of a felony to possess a firearm or ammunition. On Jan. 9, 2022, Hall plead guilty to illegal possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYTX-CBS (Tyler, TX): Lufkin man sentenced to 22 years in prison for trafficking over one kilogram of methamphetamine, Sam Searles, July 19, 2022, 5:35 PM

A Lufkin man was sentenced to more than 22 years in federal prison for trafficking methamphetamine in East Texas today, according to records. According to documents from the United States Department of Justice, Alexander Timia Jones, 38, of Lufkin, was sentenced to a total of 270 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Michael Truncale. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Hugo man pleads guilty to possession of methamphetamine and firearms in drug trafficking crime, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 4:31 PM

A Hugo man, Brannen Michael Stafford, 34, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime. A report from U.S. Attorney Andrew M. Luger state that law enforcement responded to the Robbinsdale and Crystal area after receiving multiple calls of shots fired on Mar. 1, 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): NC felon sentenced 10 years for possession of firearm, attempt to flee feds, Kayla Morton, July 19, 2022, 4:23 PM

A Kannapolis man will spend 10 years in prison with three more years of supervised release after pleading guilty to possession of firearm by felon and having multiple drugs on his person, the Department of Justice said. Court documents said Kannapolis police spotted Gerrell Laquan McRae, 39, out walking when he had an active warrant out for his arrest. Officers said he tried to flee, but was eventually caught and searched. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBTV-CBS \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Ohio man sentenced to 14 years in prison on Kentucky child porn charges, Jessica Patterson, July 19, 2022, 4:10 PM

An Ohio man will spend the next 14 years behind bars after pleading guilty to child pornography charges in Kentucky. According to the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Shakir Aswad Little, 30, of Fairfield, Ohio was sentenced to 168 months in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to "transporting visual depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WICS-ABC (Springfield, IL): Mechanicsburg man sentenced for meth distribution, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Mechanicsburg man will spend half a decade behind bars for selling meth. Gerald Hurley, 47, was sentenced on Monday to five years in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release for

possession of 50 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. Hurley was indicted in November 2020 and pleaded guilty to the charges in March 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGXA-Fox/ABC (Macon, GA): Macon man sentenced for sexually exploiting juvenile through social media, Claire Helm, July 19, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 27-year-old Macon man will spend the next 20 years in federal prison in a child sex assault case. The Department of Justice states that Anthony Sparks Brown was sentenced to 20 years, plus a lifetime of supervised release after he leaves prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEVV-CBS/Fox (Evansville, IN): Evansville man gets 14 months in prison for sex offender violation, Brian Miller, July 19, 2022, 2:00 PM

According to the United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Indiana, Michael Crane was sentenced to 14 months in federal prison. Court documents reveal the 24-year-old man plead guilty to the charge of failure to register as a sex offender. Investigators say Crane was convicted of felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse and felony indecent solicitation of a child in Perry County, IL back in December of 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WEHT-ABC \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WFIE-NBC \(Evansville, IN\)](#)

WBND-ABC (South Bend, IN): Mishawaka man sentenced to over five years for firearms offense, Maura Johnson, July 19, 2022, 2:09 PM

A Mishawaka man was sentenced to over five years in prison after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Terrell Howard, 32, was sentenced to five years and 10 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KELO-AM (Sioux Falls, SD): 2 men indicted for June Wounded Knee murder, Rae Yost, July 19, 2022, 12:33 PM

A grand jury has indicted two Wounded Knee men for beating death of a man in June. Eugene Acorn High Hawk, 59, and Spencer High Hawk, 25, were indicted on charges of first degree murder, assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and assault with a dangerous weapon, according to the Department of Justice in South Dakota. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOLR-CBS (Springfield, MO): 18 indicted in Missouri multi-county meth conspiracy, Carrie Winchel, July 19, 2022, 10:50 AM

A federal grand jury indicted 18 people in what investigators call a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in southwest Missouri. Law enforcement officers seized 29 pounds of methamphetamine, \$57,000 in cash, and guns in the investigation. The federal indictment charged the defendants with being a part of a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Barry, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, Polk and Stone Counties. Investigators said this happened between November 2020 to April 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] How Abortion Bans Are Restricting Miscarriage Care, July 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

Across the United States, Republicans emboldened by the overturning of Roe v. Wade are passing laws intended to stop medical staff from providing an abortion. But those same laws may also be scaring health workers out of providing basic care for miscarriages. [[Listen](#)]

WaPo: Doctor in 10-year-old's abortion case takes legal step against Indiana AG, Timothy Bella, July 19, 2022, 6:26 PM

Attorneys for the Indianapolis doctor who helped a 10-year-old Ohio rape victim obtain an abortion took the

first legal step Tuesday in a possible defamation lawsuit against Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita (R) for his comments in a story that has captured international attention. Kathleen DeLaney filed a notice of tort claim against Rokita on behalf of her client, Caitlin Bernard, for “false and misleading statements” about the obstetrician/gynecologist in the days after she shared how she helped the child, who traveled to Indiana for an abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Biden warns schools not to overpunish students with disabilities, Donna St. George, July 19, 2022, 6:08 PM

The Biden administration issued new school discipline guidelines Tuesday aimed at cutting back on high rates of suspension and expulsion for students with disabilities by clarifying rules that the nation’s schools are required to follow. Federal officials called the guidance “the most comprehensive ever released” on the civil rights of students with disabilities and said it would help as schools continue to try to rebound from more than two years of pandemic learning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Jersey Advance Media: N.J. man sentenced for racist, threatening text sent to Black woman in Maryland, Matt Gray, July 19, 2022, 6:13 PM

A federal judge has sentenced a New Jersey man to 30 days of confinement, in-patient drug treatment and three years of probation after he admitted sending racist and threatening messages to a Black woman in Maryland. In a plea agreement, Michael Marotta, 26, of Sewell, acknowledged that he used an anonymous text messaging app to threaten the woman and her family on April 14, 2020, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Maryland. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

WTTW (Chicago, IL): Decision to Allow Metal Scrapper to Move from North Side to Southeast Side Violated Residents’ Civil Rights: Federal Officials, Heather Cherone, July 19, 2022, 4:38 PM

Federal officials determined Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s administration violated the civil rights of Black and Latino Chicagoans by allowing a metal shredding and recycling operation to move from the North Side to the Southeast Side, according to a letter obtained by WTTW News Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): U.S. Attorney: Hartland schools took steps to address concerns of race discrimination allegations, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 12:03 PM

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan said it has resolved its investigation into allegations of racial discrimination by the Hartland Consolidated School District. According to the Department of Justice, an investigation began after a complaint was filed by someone who was a student and her guardian, alleging that the district failed to address racial harassment against her and other Black students. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Detroit News](#)

CIVIL LAW

CNN: Justice Department opens civil probe into Amazon’s workplace safety practices, Kara Scannell, July 19, 2022, 2:33 PM

The US attorney’s office in Manhattan has opened a civil investigation into workplace safety at Amazon warehouses and possible “fraudulent” conduct to hide worker injuries from federal regulators, a spokesperson for the prosecutor’s office said. Investigators with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Monday morning went to warehouses around New York City, Chicago and Orlando to conduct worker safety inspections on behalf of the US attorney’s office, according to the spokesperson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 5th Circ. Urged Not To Rehear SEC In-House Courts Challenge, Jon Hill, July 19, 2022, 9:08 PM

A hedge fund manager who is battling the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission over its use of in-house courts has urged the Fifth Circuit to leave in place a recent panel [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Vilsack Backs Pandemic-Era Subsidies For Minority Farmers, Caleb Symons, July 19, 2022, 6:53 PM

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack is defending a federal loan relief program for minority farmers, arguing in court Monday that the pandemic-era initiative is meant to redress the government's past discrimination and is an appropriate remedy for its misdeeds.

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Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): 'Reach a just verdict, regardless of the consequences,' judge tells Flint water crisis jury, Ron Fonger, July 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

A federal court judge has given the jury in a civil Flint water crisis trial plenty to think about before they return to hear closing arguments from attorneys representing four Flint children and two companies they are suing starting Wednesday, July 20. "You, not I, have the duty to determine the facts ... Reach a just verdict, regardless of the consequences," U.S. District Court Judge Judith E. Levy told the eight-person jury on Tuesday, July 19. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CNN: Man arrested in California for allegedly smuggling nearly \$3.7 million of fentanyl in his car tire and gas tank, Elizabeth Wolfe and Jarrod Wardwell, July 20, 2022, 3:27 AM

US Border Patrol agents arrested a man allegedly attempting to smuggle approximately 250 pounds of fentanyl in his truck's spare tire and gas tank near the Mexican-California border Monday, the agency said. Agents who searched the man's vehicle found several bundles of pills that tested positive for fentanyl, US Customs and Border Protection announced in a news release. The agency estimates the stash has a street value of \$3,679,000. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsweek](#)

Fox: LexisNexis faces pressure to terminate contract with ICE, Haley Chi-Sing, July 19, 2022, 4:29 PM

Database company LexisNexis is coming under fire regarding its contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) following reports that the agency used the database to track down illegal immigrants. Internal documents obtained by Just Futures Law and Mijente show that ICE conducted 1.2 million searches, including "Advanced Person Search" and "Real Time Phone Search," between March and September 2021 using the Accurant Virtual Crime Center (AVCC). AVCC is specifically geared towards police agencies, using nationwide crime data to "detect patterns and deploy resources efficiently," according to the LexisNexis site. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Biden Issues Order To Fight Unlawful Detentions Abroad, Rae Varona, July 19, 2022, 8:24 PM

President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed an executive order aimed at bolstering U.S. efforts in bringing Americans held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad home, while also authorizing the government to impose sanctions on foreign actors involved in such unlawful detentions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Biden Administration Accused Of Covering Up Migrant Abuse, Alyssa Aquino, July 19, 2022, 5:24 PM

Immigration advocacy groups accused the Biden administration of conducting a cover-up by clearing federal officers of claims that they struck Haitian migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border, saying Tuesday that officials

"ghosted" Haitian migrants' offer to participate in an investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 9th Circ. Tells BIA Past Torture Isn't A Must For Removal Relief, Rae Varona, July 19, 2022, 3:51 PM

The Ninth Circuit ordered the Board of Immigration Appeals to reconsider a Guatemalan citizen's bid for removal relief, saying that past torture, though relevant, was not required in determining whether he'd likely face future torture in Guatemala. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): El Paso area CBP makes multiple hard narcotic seizures, Gabriela Rodríguez, July 19, 2022, 6:15 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers working at El Paso area ports of entry seized fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine over the last week. "CBP officers are working hard every day to stop the flow of narcotics from entering the U.S. from Mexico," said CBP El Paso Director Field Operations Hector A. Mancha. "In triple digit heat or the coldest of winter days CBP officers remain vigilant and stand ready to meet the challenge." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Customs and Border Protection seized \$1.9 million worth of counterfeit socks, Margaret Kavanagh, July 19, 2022, 4:26 PM

You may be able to buy counterfeit items cheaper from vendors online, but Custom and Border Protection officials say you could be putting yourself at risk. News 3 spoke to the CBP about a recent case and the overall problem of counterfeit items. In recent weeks, nearly 120,000 pairs of counterfeit diabetic socks were seized by CBP officials in Hampton Roads. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBRC-Fox (Birmingham, AL): K-9 helps border patrol agents seize 250 lbs. of fentanyl, Debra Worley, July 19, 2022, 11:13 AM

A Border Patrol K-9 alerted agents to about 250 pounds of fentanyl stashed inside a truck at the Campo Border Patrol Station on Monday morning. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a news release that agents found several bundles of fentanyl concealed within the vehicle's spare tire and gas tank. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

The Hill: Mozilla urges Congress to pass antitrust law in full page ad, Rebecca Klar, July 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

Mozilla, the company behind the Firefox browser, took out a full page ad in The Washington Post Wednesday to urge Congress to pass a key antitrust bill that aims to rein in the power of tech giants. The ad is an open letter to Congress calling for lawmakers to immediately pass the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Google Antitrust Judge Jumps Into Rare 'Hot Tub' Hearing, Bonnie Eslinger, July 19, 2022, 11:43 PM

A California federal judge peppered economic experts with questions Tuesday during a rare "hot tub" hearing over a proposed antitrust class action for potentially 90 million consumers accusing Google of unlawfully blocking competition to its Google Play app store and levying excessive fees on developers that were passed on to consumers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: FTC, Labor Board Team Up On Gig Economy, Noncompetes, Braden Campbell, July 19,

2022, 7:56 PM

The National Labor Relations Board and the Federal Trade Commission are teaming up to take on the gig economy, worker misclassification and restrictive covenants such as noncompete agreements, the agencies said Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **[ANALYSIS] The Broad M&A Implications Of DOJ's Booz Allen Challenge**, Lisa Rumin, Jon Dubrow and Anthony Ferrara, July 19, 2022, 3:41 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice challenge to Booz Allen's acquisition of EverWatch focuses on the transaction's impact on one specific bidding opportunity, but introduces new theories with broad implications for other government contractor mergers and acquisitions, changing competitive incentives whenever the merging parties are competitors, say attorneys at McDermott. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Wilson Sonsini: **DOJ Files Emergency Preliminary Injunction Motion Against Booz Allen and EverWatch Merger**, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 9:30 PM

On July 8, 2022, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a motion for an emergency preliminary injunction to abrogate Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation's (Booz Allen's) merger agreement with EverWatch Corp. (EverWatch), and prevent the parties from proceeding with their proposed merger.¹ The DOJ's motion comes nine days after it filed a complaint alleging the proposed merger would substantially lessen competition for an upcoming National Security Agency (NSA) contract award for signal intelligence operational modeling and simulation support services (Optimal Decision). [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: **Calif. Community Group Wants EPA Action On Clean Bus Plan**, Juan Carlos Rodrigu, July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

A California community group on Tuesday sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, accusing it of dragging its feet on approving a state program to transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **EPA Says Pesticide Disapproval Didn't Require Public Input**, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, July 19, 2022, 5:13 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday told the Ninth Circuit that no public notice and comment period was required for its decisions to revoke approval of the pesticide sulfoxaflor and then reapprove its use because it was merely complying with a court order. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Biden Urges 5th Circ. To Revive Carbon Metric Rule**, Clark Mindock, July 19, 2022, 4:51 PM

The Biden administration panned an effort by Republican-led states to kill changes in how the government uses estimates for the costs related to greenhouse gas emissions, telling the Fifth Circuit the plaintiffs haven't shown standing after 18 months. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **EPA Says Pesticide Disapproval Didn't Require Public Input**, Matt Delaney, July 19, 2022, 4:00 PM

Thousands of beagles that were bred for research are getting a new leash on life after the Virginia facility where they were housed was sued by the Department of Justice for multiple alleged animal welfare violations. The DOJ said 4,000 beagles from the Envigo RMS, LLC facility in Cumberland, Virginia, are being given to the Humane Society following a consent decree entered Friday that the research organization will no longer allow any activity that would require an Animal Welfare Act license. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

LAT: \$5,000 reward offered after mistaken release of suspect in shooting of Lady Gaga's dog walker, Gregory Yee, July 19, 2022, 9:04 PM

Months after a 19-year-old suspected of shooting Lady Gaga's dog walker in Los Angeles was mistakenly released from jail, federal authorities are offering a reward for information on his whereabouts. The U.S. Marshals Service announced Monday that it would provide up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the arrest of James Howard Jackson — one of five people arrested in connection with the February 2021 incident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [Fox](#), [Patch \(Hollywood, CA\)](#), [WTVD-ABC \(Durham, NC\)](#)

CBS: New ATF director says there's "no one solution" to ending gun violence, Caitlin Yilek, July 19, 2022, 8:43 PM

Steven Dettelbach, the newly sworn-in director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said there is no overarching answer to solving the nation's gun violence, even as guns have become the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. "One of the things that makes this problem so hard is that it looks way different depending on where you are," Dettelbach told "CBS Evening News" anchor and managing editor Norah O'Donnell in an interview Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Steve Dettelbach sworn in to lead ATF after 7 years of acting directors, Hannah Rabinowitz and Veronica Stracqualursi, July 19, 2022, 3:45 PM

Former federal prosecutor Steve Dettelbach was ceremonially sworn in on Tuesday as the new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, marking the first time in seven years that the agency has a permanent, Senate-approved leader at the helm. Dettelbach assumes control of the agency, which imposes and issues federal firearm regulations, during a surge of gun violence and mass shootings in the United States. He will also be tasked with enforcing the country's new sprawling gun legislation, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which is the most significant new federal legislation to address gun violence in decades. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#)

Law360: Attys Say DEA Stonewalled Drug-Related FOIA Requests, Sam Reisman, July 19, 2022, 4:53 PM

The U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration has been unlawfully stonewalling Freedom of Information Act requests seeking clarity about terminally ill patients' right to try psilocybin, according to a new lawsuit filed Tuesday in Texas federal court. According to the complaint, the DEA "has adopted an unlawful policy and pattern or practice. Specifically, the agency deems any FOIA request that requires the FOIA office to obtain a document from any other office 'complex' and, on that basis, categorizes virtually all FOIA requests as raising 'unusual circumstances.' [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (York, PA): US Marshals Nab Central Pennsylvania Nightclub Shooter: Police, Jillian Pikora, July 19, 2022, 3:49 PM

A 34-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a shooting at a central Pennsylvania nightclub, authorities say. The United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force arrested Jorge Soba-Torres, of York, on a warrant for Criminal Attempt Homicide and Aggravated Assault on Monday, July 18, according to a release by Springettsbury Township police department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDTN-NBC (Dayton, OH): FBI finds missing Ohio teen with kidnapper in Texas, Sarah Bean, July 19, 2022, 10:46 PM

The Cincinnati and El Paso FBI rescued an Ohio teen on Monday after she was found with her kidnapper at a Texas bus station. According to a release by the El Paso FBI, FBI El Paso and Cincinnati Field Offices found

the 15-year-old girl and her kidnapper, Roman Nguyen at the Greyhound Bus Station in central El Paso on July 18. Authorities said Nguyen was possibly on his way to San Diego, California, where he lives. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WXIX-Fox \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#)

KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): \$10 million worth of jewelry stolen from Brink's tractor-trailer, FBI investigating, Sarah Bean, July 19, 2022, 9:00 PM

An estimated \$10 million of jewelry and gems were taken from a Brink's tractor-trailer parked at a remote Southern California rest stop prompting the Federal Bureau of investigation and local law enforcement agencies to continue an investigation Monday into the heist. The tractor-trailer had been traveling overnight from a jewelry show in the San Francisco Bay Area down to the Los Angeles region for another event. It was not immediately clear whether the suspects followed the vehicle along its 375-mile journey or stumbled across it at the rest stop in a crime of opportunity, according to Los Angeles Sheriff's Sgt. Michael Mileski. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): FBI Pittsburgh opens applications for 'Teen Academy Program', Makayla Schindler, July 19, 2022, 7:57 PM

The Federal Bureau Investigation (FBI) Pittsburgh Field Office is now accepting applications for the 2022 Teen Academy Program. This program is free for high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 and higher. Students are able to apply for any of the four locations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): FBI seeking suspect in Cuyahoga Falls bank robbery, Justin McMullen, July 19, 2022, 7:25 PM

Law enforcement authorities are seeking information related to a Summit County bank robbery allegedly committed by a lone male last Thursday. The FBI Cleveland Division said in a news release that around 3:30 p.m. on July 14, the unidentified man threatened a teller at a Peoples Bank located on State Road in Cuyahoga Falls before leaving with an undisclosed sum of money. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOIO-CBS \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): FBI determines suspicious substance sent to lawmaker not to be a threat, Becky Bruce, July 19, 2022, 6:46 PM

A letter sent to a Utah lawmaker with a suspicious substance turned out not to be a credible threat, according to the FBI. The Republican state lawmaker who received the letter with the suspicious substance is not known. However, a spokesperson for the House of Representatives says state investigators were notified. The state investigators then informed the FBI, who was able to determine the substance did not pose a threat to anybody. They say it was some kind of powder, but nothing hazardous. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Forbes: Outgoing Federal Bureau Of Prisons Director Carvajal Subpoenaed By Senate Subcommittee, Walter Pavlo, July 19, 2022, 9:45 AM

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) is in disarray. Relations between management and labor is at an all time low, the agency is failing at implementing the First Step Act and COVID-19 continues to ravage its institutions.. A recent survey by Partnership for Public Service, which ranks best places to work within the US government, ranked the BOP near last among 432 federal agencies. It ranked dead last in Effective Leadership category. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Colorado Springs Gazette: Aurora mass murderer remains incarcerated in Pennsylvania federal prison, Michael Karlik, July 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

Ten years after he murdered 12 people and wounded many others at an Aurora movie theater, the man convicted of the massacre remains 1,600 miles away from Colorado, incarcerated at a federal prison in Allenwood, Pa. The Federal Bureau of Prisons confirmed the convicted murderer is still at the Allenwood facility, news that was first revealed in September 2017, two years after a jury reached its guilty verdict. The Colorado Department of Corrections at the time acknowledged it sought to place James Holmes in a federal facility that could provide "appropriate security." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

WaPo: Brett Kavanaugh's neighbors: For abortion rights but tired of protests, Dan Morse and Ellie Silverman, July 19, 2022, 8:00 PM

On paper at least, Emily Strulson might seem a welcoming host to the weekly protests outside Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh's home. The 46-year-old artist, who lives a half-block away, first marched for abortion rights as a middle-schooler with her mom on the National Mall. The court's recent moves to overturn *Roe v. Wade* prompted her to chalk out a message on her driveway: "Reproduction Rights are Human Rights." And she has had more than 200 yard signs printed and distributed that echo the widely held sentiments of her left-leaning jurisdiction just north of Washington: "Chevy Chasers for Choice." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: 60% of Americans approved of the Supreme Court last July. Now, it's 38%, according to a new poll, Devan Cole, July 20, 2022, 5:00 AM

Americans' approval of the Supreme Court has fallen again, according to a new poll released Wednesday, with just 38% of the country saying it approves of the nation's highest court after it overturned *Roe v. Wade* -- a dramatic shift in public opinion from one year ago. The Marquette Law School poll provides key insight into how the country views the Supreme Court after its controversial decision to reverse nearly 50 years of precedent. Taken between July 5 and 12, just days after the court reversed *Roe*, the survey found that 61% of respondents said they disapproved of the nine justices and 38% said they approved.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] SCOTUS gutted part of the EPA, but it won't stop climate progress, Kevin Samy, July 19, 2022, 5:30 PM

Among the Supreme Court's recent string of backward decisions, the conservative supermajority undercut the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to regulate carbon pollution from the power sector a key approach in achieving domestic (and international) climate goals. I served on President Obama's White House climate team and helped launch the EPA's Clean Power Plan, the climate rule aimed at curbing carbon pollution from power plants and the subject of the Supreme Court's latest assault, this time on our right to clean air and healthy lives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Could Congress impeach Supreme Court justices for perjury?, Brad Dress, July 19, 2022, 4:32 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision last month to overturn the 50-year constitutional right to abortion prompted an outcry from activists who said they were misled during the justices' confirmation hearings. Conservative Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett, who voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in a 5-4 vote, have been accused of misleading the public and members of the Senate about their intentions during their respective confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

*Reuters: **GOP senator opposes Biden's Wisconsin prosecutor nominee, likely dooming pick***, Nate Raymond, July 19, 2022, 4:52 PM

Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin on Tuesday said he will oppose President Joe Biden's selection of a lawyer at law firm Perkins Coie to serve as the top federal prosecutor in Madison, potentially dooming her nomination. Johnson cited now-deleted "partisan" tweets by Sopen Shah about Republicans and the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol in declaring he would not return a so-called "blue slip" supporting her nomination to become the second woman to serve as the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSJ: **Michelle Childs Is Confirmed by Senate for U.S. Appeals Bench in Washington***, Jan Wolfe, July 19, 2022, 9:14 PM

The Senate on Tuesday confirmed U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, a prominent appeals court where several Supreme Court justices have served. Confirmed on a vote of 64-34, Judge Childs is set to replace Judge David Tatel, who in May took senior status, a form of semiretirement that creates a judicial vacancy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

*Courthouse News: **Biden nominee is first Hispanic woman confirmed to Illinois federal judgeship***, Rose Wagner, July 19, 2022, 9:14 PM

The Senate gave its seal of approval Tuesday to two federal court judges, including one appointee who will be the first Hispanic woman to ever serve as a federal judge in Illinois. Nancy L. Maldonado was confirmed by a vote of 53-45 to a vacancy at the Northern District of Illinois. "It marks yet another proud accomplishment, and our efforts to build a judiciary that really reflects America," Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said on the Senate floor Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Sun Times](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

*Law360: **Treasury Urges DC Circ. To Nix Tribes' COVID-19 Funding Suit***, Joyce Hanson, July 19, 2022, 8:34 PM

The federal government has asked the D. C. Circuit to back its summary judgment win in an appeal filed by Native American tribes challenging its distribution of COVID-19 relief, saying a lower court properly held that the U. S. Department of the Treasury's funding allocation was well within its discretion. In its Friday appellate brief, the government argued its final allocation was not "arbitrary and capricious," as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida claim in their consolidated suits. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): **Ex-Canadian police officer sentenced for sex abuse of minors on Indian reservation***, Unattributed, July 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

A former Canadian police officer was sentenced Tuesday for sexually abusing minors on an Indian reservation in northern Minnesota. The U.S. Attorney's Office says 33-year-old Brady John Hillis, a Canadian citizen who used to be an Ontario Provincial police officer, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: Senate Schedules Marijuana Hearing In Committee Chaired By Cory Booker, With Legalization Bill Set To Drop Any Day, Kyle Jaeger, July 19, 2022, 9:00 PM

With a Senate bill to federally legalize marijuana expected to be introduced imminently, a key subcommittee chaired by one of the measure's prime sponsors has scheduled a hearing for next week on cannabis reform and the harms of criminalization. The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, chaired by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), will meet on July 26 for a meeting titled "Decriminalizing Cannabis at the Federal Level: Necessary Steps to Address Past Harms." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Congress brokering deal to help legal marijuana industry by easing banking rules, Susan Ferrechio, July 19, 2022, 10:00 PM

The Senate agenda has gone to pot. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, New York Democrat, promised to introduce a bill to legalize marijuana ahead of the August recess, and he has more time to take up the cause now that a miniature "Build Back Better" bill has been largely scrapped. Democratic senators are drafting legislation that would pair decriminalization of marijuana at the federal level with criminal justice reforms, and they plan to introduce it as early as this week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: J&J Wants Opioid Claims From NY Towns, Cities Tossed, Adam Lidgett, July 19, 2022, 7:04 PM

Johnson & Johnson wants an Ohio federal court to toss opioid claims made against the company by a host of New York municipalities, saying a change to an Empire State law bars those allegations. As part of sprawling multidistrict litigation over the opioid crisis in Ohio federal court, J&J and its Janssen Pharmaceuticals unit said in a motion Monday that it shouldn't have to face opioid cases that have been filed by dozens of New York cities, towns, villages and even fire and water districts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law Street Media: DOJ Announces Resolution to Opioid Kickbacks Case Involving Purdue, Guy DeMarco, July 19, 2022, 3:00 PM

On Monday, the Department of Justice announced via a press release that a California pain specialist paid to resolve allegations he violated the False Claims Act. According to the press release, the allegations against Dr. Gerald M. Sacks, the pain specialist, concern the prescription of specific pain medications to Medicare beneficiaries in exchange for payment from those medication's manufacturer, the now-notorious Purdue Pharma LP and Depomed Inc. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDBJ-CBS (Roanoke, VA): Roanoke-based opioid treatment center settles civil case with US, Pat Thomas, July 19, 2022, 1:19 PM

A Roanoke-based opioid treatment center has agreed to pay \$348,934 to resolve allegations that it "violated the False Claims Act by billing Medicaid for addiction treatment services that were not provided by the required licensed individuals," according to the US Attorney's Office. Virginia Treatment Center, LLC, doing business as Roanoke Comprehensive Treatment Center (RCTC) in Roanoke, agreed to the payment. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [WFXR-Fox \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden to announce executive actions on climate, Unattributed, July 20, 2022, 4:41 AM
President Joe Biden will announce a set of executive actions aimed at addressing climate change on Wednesday in a visit to the site of a former coal-fired plant in Massachusetts that is playing a role in

supporting the state's offshore wind industry. Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups have been calling for the White House to take aggressive measures on climate change after Democratic Senator Joe Manchin said last week he was not ready to support key climate provisions in Congress, a critical loss in the evenly divided Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

AP: House passes same-sex marriage bill in retort to high court, Lisa Mascaro, July 19, 2022, 7:00 PM
The U.S. House overwhelmingly approved legislation Tuesday to protect same-sex and interracial marriages amid concerns that the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* abortion access could jeopardize other rights criticized by many conservatives. In a robust but lopsided debate, Democrats argued intensely and often personally in favor of enshrining marriage equality in federal law, while Republicans steered clear of openly rejecting gay marriage. Instead leading Republicans portrayed the bill as unnecessary amid other issues facing the nation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Washington Times: Democrats roll out wish list of climate change executive orders for Biden, Ramsey Touchberry, July 19, 2022, 7:18 PM

Democratic lawmakers and their environmentalist allies have a laundry list of executive actions on climate change that they want President Biden to take because Congress can't get the job done. [...] Direct the Department of Justice to get involved in ongoing local and state climate litigation against the fossil fuel industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 19, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- More than 120 million Americans are under excessive heat warnings as 20 states are expected to hit more than 60 new record highs by the end of the week. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Britain has shattered its record for the highest temperature ever registered, with 34 locations across the country breaking previous highs amid a European heat wave that is a one in 1,000 year event, according to climate scientists. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Secret Service says those missing text messages from January 5th and 6th are presumably permanently deleted. Now, the National Archives is calling for an investigation into how those records could have been erased. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Emotions ran high at the school board meeting in Uvalde following the release of a report on the failed police response to the massacre at Robb Elementary school. Some parents are demanding the school's police chief be fired immediately, he is currently on leave. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Vladimir Putin took a rare trip outside Russia today in which he met with Iran’s supreme leader, who gave his support of the invasion of Ukraine, and the two countries announced an oil deal. Meanwhile, Ukrainian first lady Olena Zelenska visited the White House on Tuesday, part of her high-profile trip to Washington as the Russian war in her country enters its sixth month. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- NYC police are searching for a gunman who shot and killed a crew member working on the TV show “Law and Order: Organized Crime.” Police say the crew member was saving parking spaces for filming in Brooklyn when he was shot in the head and neck. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Authorities say a mechanical problem caused a transformer to catch fire at Hoover Dam, startling visitors at the peak of tourist season. No injuries were reported. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety is alleging the company that made the weapon used in the Uvalde shooting, Daniel Defense, “preys on at-risk young men” in their advertising. Now, they’re encouraging the FTC to investigate its marketing practices. [[CBS](#)]
- Steve Dettelbach is the newest Director of the ATF, marking the first time the agency will have a permanent leader in more than seven years. Dettelbach spoke about taking over the agency at such a critical time in America. [[CBS](#)]
- The Democrat-led House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to pass a bill that would enshrine protections for same-sex marriage into federal law. [[ABC](#)]
- Steve Bannon, an advisor to former President Trump, is now on trial. Bannon is charged with contempt of Congress for failing to comply with the January 6th investigation. “All hell is going to break loose tomorrow,” Bannon said the day before the Capitol insurrection. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Putin Says Russia Will Honor Europe Gas Commitments” [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “War and Warming Upend Global Energy Supplies and Amplify Suffering” [[NYT](#)]
- “Secret Service says it can’t recover Jan. 6 texts; National Archives seeks details” [[WaPo](#)]
- “L.A. County’s push for mask rules ignites a familiar debate” [[LAT](#)]

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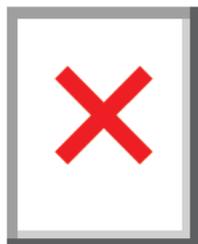
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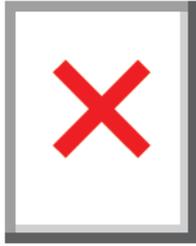
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President Biden's top national security officials are gathering with a small cohort of journalists over the next four days for rare on-the-record sessions at the Aspen Security Forum. Things kicked off last night with DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. Evan Vucci, File/AP Photo



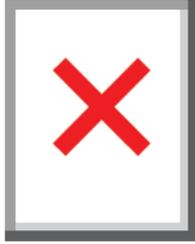
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D R I V I N G T H E D A Y

ABOUT LAST NIGHT — [“Trump wins proxy war with Hogan in Maryland primary — boosted by Democrats,”](#) by Zach Montellaro

In the Republican primary: DAN COX, a state delegate “who has full-throatedly embraced [DONALD] TRUMP’s repeated falsehoods about fraud in the 2020 election, scored the former president a win in his fight with [Gov. LARRY] HOGAN,” defeating the Hogan-endorsed **KELLY SCHULZ** in the gubernatorial primary.

“**The closing weeks of the race were dominated by** the Democratic Governors Association, which dropped a multi-million ad campaign ‘attacking’ Cox as too loyal to Trump,” Zach writes. “The DGA has insisted it was merely getting a head start on the general election, casting Cox as the frontrunner — despite public polling in the run-up to Tuesday showing Cox and Schulz deadlocked. But the campaign was widely seen as an attempt to boost the more extreme candidate in the Republican primary, in hopes that Cox would be easier to beat in the general election.” ***For more about this Dem primary-meddling strategy, [check out Tuesday’s Playbook](#)***



In the Democratic primary: With mail ballots yet to be counted (Maryland state law prevents election officials from counting them until Thursday), it's too early to call. As of this morning, author **WES MOORE** led the field, with former DNC Chair and Labor Secretary **TOM PEREZ** and state Comptroller **PETER FRANCHOT** in striking distance.

Also notable: In the Democratic primary for Maryland's open 4th congressional district, **GLENN IVEY** defeated former Rep. **DONNA EDWARDS**, who was attempting a comeback bid after leaving Congress in 2016 and faced an onslaught of negative ads from AIPAC-aligned groups.

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Full results: [Maryland statewide](#) and [Maryland congressional districts](#)

THE VIEW FROM ASPEN — The House is teeing up a messaging bill on contraception, while the Senate continues its struggle to pass legislation on industrial policy and health care. Meanwhile, **JOE BIDEN** will tour an old coal plant today and announce some modest new climate change policies.

But the place to be this week to *really* understand where the country is headed is 1,800 miles away from Washington: Aspen, Colorado, where Biden’s top national security officials — including his CIA director, national security adviser, and top officials from DOJ and Treasury — are gathering with a small cohort of journalists over the next four days for rare on-the-record sessions at the Aspen Security Forum. Things kicked off last night with DHS Secretary **ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS**. [The full agenda can be found here](#) .

There hasn’t been anything close to this many senior Biden people gathered together in one place and speaking publicly during the Biden presidency thus far. Playbook is in Aspen, along with our colleagues **Dafna Linzer**, **Alex Ward**, **Nahal Toosi** and **Daniel Lippman** , and we’ll be bringing readers highlights through Saturday.

We asked Alex, author of POLITICO’s [“National Security Daily” newsletter](#) , to weigh in with the three big things he’ll be watching for this week. Here’s what he told us:

1. The administration has struggled to convey its foreign and national security policies since taking the reins in Jan. 2021. Covid was largely to blame — there’s only so much nuance you can convey over Zoom. Now, officials from national security adviser **JAKE SULLIVAN** to CIA Director **WILLIAM BURNS** to Undersecretary of State **VICTORIA NULAND** have a chance to road test their views and assumptions in front of an elite audience. ASF is chock full of reporters, government officials, business leaders, activists, lobbyists and concerned citizens who will have no qualms about poking at the Biden administration's foreign policy with a critical stick.

2. Biden just finished two major trips, one to Europe to rally NATO and the broader West against Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and the other to the Middle East to reestablish American influence in a region where it has largely waned. After all that jet-setting, what does the administration have to show for it? And what comes next?**It’ll be important for Biden’s team** to not just defend its policies to date, but outline what they plan to do in the future. Will they supply Ukraine with even more advanced weapons, or lift restrictions on what Kyiv’s forces can do with what the West provides them? Will Biden invest in a better relationship with Saudi Crown Prince **MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN** or the intractable peace process between Israelis and Palestinians? Oh, and what does any of that mean for the largest challenge of confronting China?

3. Members of the Biden administration, from the top on down, get prickly when people question their policies. They claim outside critics don’t have the right information or overemphasize something trivial (*cough* the fist bump *cough*). **But in Aspen, officials won’t be able to wave away** broadsides against their views. They’ll have to face them head on, potentially leading to some ... let’s say “candid” ... moments. Again, because of the pandemic, the administration hasn’t faced sustained in-person challenges from outsiders for the last 18 months. I’m glad I and my colleagues have a front-row seat to it all.

A message from Amazon:

Out of work and worried he would lose everything, [Frank](#) applied for a job at Amazon and got a career.

Frank started as a shift assistant in 2017 and steadily worked his way to becoming a senior operations manager at an Amazon Air Hub. Frank is now mentoring others to help advance their career goals and grow at Amazon just like he did.

Good Wednesday morning. Thanks for reading Playbook. Drop us a line and tell us what you want to know from Biden’s foreign policy high command in Aspen: [Rachael Bade](#) , [Eugene Daniels](#) , [Ryan Lizza](#) .

INSIDE 1600 PENN — Senior White House officials are “considering a major overhaul of its press and communications shop in the coming weeks,” [NBC’s Mike Memoli and Carol Lee report](#) . The first step is finding a new comms director, a process which senior adviser **ANITA DUNN** has already begun, they write. “Among those under consideration to be communications director are **LIZ ALLEN**, currently Assistant Secretary of State for Global Public Affairs; **KATE BERNER**, currently Deputy Communications Director, and **ELIZABETH ALEXANDER**, Communications Director for First Lady **JILL BIDEN**.”

SURVEY SAYS — The latest POLITICO/Morning Consult poll has some generally good news for **DONALD TRUMP** as he decides whether and when to announce a possible 2024 campaign:

— **If the 2024 GOP primary was held today**, 53% of Republican voters and Republican-leaning independents say they would vote for Trump.

— **Worth noting:** That number has held steady — **and even slightly increased** — since last fall. In Oct. 2021, 47% of that same group said they’d support Trump. By late June, it was 51%.

— **Of the 16 other potential 2024 GOP candidates tested, only five polled above 1%:** Florida Gov. **RON DESANTIS** at 23%, **MIKE PENCE** at 7%, **TED CRUZ** at 3%, and **MITT ROMNEY**, **NIKKI HALEY** and **LIZ CHENEY** all tied at 2%. (“Would not vote” came in at 4%.)

— **Among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents**, 72% said they’d back Biden if the 2024 primary was held today, while 20% said they’d support someone else and 8% said they would not vote.

Three more numbers to watch:

— **Biden’s approval rating:** 38% approve, 58% disapprove. (*Net: -20*)

— **The generic congressional ballot:** Dems have a four-point advantage over Republicans, 45%-41%.

— **Right track/wrong track:** 22% of voters say that things in the country are generally going in the right direction, while 78% say they’re on the wrong track.

[Toplines ... Crosstabs](#)

A message from Amazon:



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BIDEN'S WEDNESDAY:

9:30 a.m.: The president will receive the President's Daily Brief.

11:45 a.m.: Biden will depart the White House en route to Warwick, R.I., where he is scheduled to arrive at 1:15 p.m., before traveling to Brayton Point in Somerset, Mass.

2:45 p.m.: Biden will deliver remarks on the climate crisis.

3:30 p.m.: Biden will depart Brayton Point to return to the White House, where he is scheduled to arrive at 5:40 p.m.

VP KAMALA HARRIS' WEDNESDAY: The VP has nothing on her public schedule.

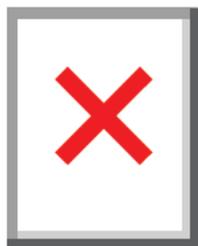
Press secretary KARINE JEAN-PIERRE and national climate adviser **GINA MCCARTHY** will gaggle aboard Air Force One on the way to Somerset.

THE SENATE is in. FDA Commissioner **ROBERT CALIFF** will be among those testifying before an Appropriations subcommittee at 10 a.m. The Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on **ARATI PRABHAKAR's** nomination to lead the Office of Science and Technology Policy at 10 a.m. The Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the Highland Park, Ill., massacre at 10 a.m.

THE HOUSE will meet at 10 a.m. The Judiciary Committee will mark up gun bills, including an assault weapons ban, at 10 a.m. **NEWT GINGRICH** will be among those testifying before the Budget Committee at 10:30 a.m. Speaker **NANCY PELOSI** will host Ukrainian first lady **OLENA ZELENSKA** to deliver remarks to Congress at 11 a.m.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ROE BEING OVERTURNED? JOIN WOMEN RULE ON 7/21: Now that the Supreme Court has overturned *Roe v. Wade*, abortion policy is in the hands of the states and, ultimately, voters. Join POLITICO national political correspondent Elena Schneider for a Women Rule “ask me anything” conversation featuring a panel of reporters from our politics and health care teams who will answer your questions about how the court’s decision could play out in different states, its impact on the midterms and what it means for reproductive rights in the U.S. going forward. [SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS AND REGISTER HERE](#).

PHOTO OF THE DAY



First lady Jill Biden and President Joe Biden greet Ukrainian first lady Olena Zelenska on Tuesday, July 19, at the White House, where Zelenska met privately with Jill Biden and participated in a bilateral meeting with other U.S. officials. Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

 P L A Y B O O K R E A D S

THE WHITE HOUSE

HAPPENING TODAY — “President Joe Biden will announce new steps to combat climate change, but will stop short of declaring a national emergency that would unlock new tools for driving down greenhouse gases, the White House said Tuesday,” per [Kelsey Tamborrino, Zack Colman, Josh Siegel and Alex Guillén](#) . “Biden will travel on Wednesday to a shuttered power plant in Massachusetts to talk about climate change, a trip that comes six days after the collapse of negotiations aimed at getting a climate bill through Congress.”

— *Related read:* [“Biden to announce small steps as climate agenda stalls,”](#) by Zack Colman

ABORTION FALLOUT — The White House is considering implementing “a narrow public health directive aimed at safeguarding nationwide access to abortion pills,” [Adam Cancryn reports](#) . “The Biden team has zeroed in on that authority in recent days. They consider it the most feasible of the White House’s limited options for protecting abortion rights, and have concluded that it could have the most immediate on-the-ground impact while also quelling Democrats’ demands for stronger action.”

CONGRESS

RESPONDING TO SCOTUS — The House on Tuesday passed the Respect for Marriage Act to codify same-sex and interracial marriages by a vote of 267-157. Every Democrat voted for the bill, as did 47 Republicans, [per CBS’ Melissa Quinn](#) .

— *Up next:* A vote to “create a statutory right for people to access birth control and protect a range of contraceptive methods.”

— *Over in the Senate:* “One Republican, Sen. **SUSAN COLLINS** of Maine, is a backer of the marriage equality measure, and GOP Sen. **LISA MURKOWSKI** of Alaska said she would like to see contraception and same-sex marriage rights protected under federal law.”

— *FWIW:* [Our colleagues Olivia Beavers and Anthony Adragna report](#) that GOP leadership is *not* expected to whip against the contraception bill.

THE MANCHIN EFFECT — [Burgess Everett and Marianne LeVine take the temperature](#) of the Democratic caucus after the latest drama involving Sen. **JOE MANCHIN** (D-W.Va.) appears to be subsiding. “Nearly 18 months since Manchin became Democrats’ elusive 50th Senate vote, it’s become clear that most in his party — himself included — are **ready to put endless party-line negotiations behind them** ,” they write. “But Democrats are hardly in the mood to declare victory. Senate Majority Leader **CHUCK SCHUMER** proclaimed his caucus is ‘excited’ about the deal with Manchin, even though the topic was not the focus of the party’s weekly lunch [on Tuesday]. And some colleagues are criticizing Manchin openly, a move that may only further alienate the centrist.”

— **One thing that’s not likely to make it into the spending package: Covid aid.** [Jordain Carney and Sarah Ferris report](#) that House Majority Leader **STENY HOYER** and Appropriations Chair **ROSA DELAURO** (D-Conn.) are cool on the idea. “Asked about the chances that the two issues are merged, Hoyer told reporters that, ‘that’s one alternative. I don’t think it would be *my* alternative.’”

DEPT. OF VOTE COUNTING — House Democrats are trying to pass an assault weapons ban, but they’re still shy of enough votes to get it through. [Jordain Carney and Sarah Ferris have the latest on the effort](#). “‘This is a bill that destroyed the Democrats in ’94. I guess, do we really have a death wish list as Democrats?’ said Rep. **KURT SCHRADER** (D-Ore.), who will not be on the ballot in November as he has already lost his primary. The Oregonian centrist is one of more than a half-dozen Democrats either opposed to or undecided on the legislation, many from rural districts where gun safety laws are more contentious. Part of Schrader’s argument: Democrats would risk stomping on their latest bipartisan gun bill by passing something that goes further but will not become law.”

ALL POLITICS

THE TRUMP EFFECT — It’s the question that’s been looming over the Jan. 6 hearings for weeks now: Just how damaging are they turning out for Trump? Conventional wisdom said there wouldn’t be any silver bullet. “What happened instead, a slow drip of negative coverage, may be just as damaging to the former president,” [David Siders writes this morning](#). “The fatigue is evident in public polling and in focus groups that suggest growing Republican openness to an alternative presidential nominee in 2024. The cumulative effect of the hearings, according to interviews with more than 20 Republican strategists, party officials and pollsters in recent days, has been to at least marginally weaken his support.”

JUST POSTED — [“Pence Campaigns for House Republicans, Papering Over Party Rift,”](#) by NYT’s Annie Karni: “On Wednesday, his alliance with congressional Republicans will be on display when he speaks on Capitol Hill as a guest of the Republican Study Committee, a conservative caucus.”

VANCE’S REQUEST — [“Ohio Senate candidate Vance asking donors to help pay debts,”](#) by Roll Call’s Kate Ackley

DESANTIS’ DONORS — [“DeSantis Plays the Silicon Valley Money Machine,”](#) by Puck’s Theodore Schleifer: “Ron (and Casey) DeSantis have been spending some time with the Thiels and Musks of the world as the tech industry rallies around a potential new 2024 favorite.”



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WAR IN UKRAINE

— **The U.S. on Tuesday “doubled down on its assertion** that Russia will try to annex additional Ukrainian territory, warning that Moscow intends to claim as its own large swaths of the country’s east and south sometime later this year,” [WaPo’s Karoun Demirjian and Mariana Alfaro report](#) .

— **The ripple effect: “Europe Fears a Long, Cold Winter if Russia Ends Supply of Natural Gas,”** by WSJ’s Jenny Strasburg, Josh Ulick and Juanje Gómez

JAN. 6 AND ITS AFTERMATH

THE GEORGIA INVESTIGATION — “False Georgia electors are deemed targets of DA criminal probe,” by Kyle Cheney

AT THE BANNON TRIAL — STEVE BANNON “was ‘thumbing his nose’ at Congress and the law when he refused to comply last year with a subpoena about the Jan. 6 attack, a prosecutor told a jury Tuesday,” during opening statements, [WaPo’s Devlin Barrett, Spencer Hsu and Tom Jackman write](#) . “The defendant decided he was above the law, and he didn’t have to follow the government’s orders like his fellow citizens,’ Assistant U.S. Attorney **AMANDA VAUGHN** said in federal court. ‘So this whole case is about a guy who just refused to show up? Yes, it is that simple.’”

THE PANDEMIC

THE STATE OF THE VIRUS — Covid cases are spiking anew as another highly transmissible variant spreads in cities across the country. But local leaders are out of ideas to address the surge. “There are no new plans or bold initiatives on the horizon, officials in 10 states told POLITICO, even as much of the South remains unvaccinated and vaccination uptake among children nationwide is well below what state and federal officials would like. Instead, state and federal strategies for managing 130,000 new daily Covid cases in the U.S. are largely the same as

they were for managing 30,000 new daily cases four months ago,” [Megan Messerly, Krista Mahr and Adam Cancryn report](#) .

MEDIAWATCH

MISTAKES WERE MADE — [“New Yorker Staffer Goes Nuclear on David Remnick,”](#) by The Daily Beast’s Corbin Bolies: New Yorker magazine’s **ERIN OVERBEY** “on Tuesday claimed she was put under an internal review only after raising concern over gender parity. [Perhaps more troublingly, she claimed](#) , was that two issues raised about her work were actually factual errors inserted into her writing by top boss **DAVID REMNICK** ... ‘a male colleague who knew that I was under a performance review & could be penalized or reprimanded severely for them.’ The archive editor said she has emails from Remnick to support her assertion. ...

“**Reached by phone Tuesday afternoon**, Remnick said he would call back only to later refer The Daily Beast to a New Yorker spokesperson [**NATALIE RAABE**], who wrote: ‘The New Yorker is deeply committed to accuracy, and to suggest that anyone here would ever knowingly introduce errors into a story, for any reason, is absurd and just plain wrong.’” [Read Overbey’s full 40-tweet thread.](#)

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Rachael’s book, “Unchecked: The Untold Story Behind Congress’s Botched Impeachments of Donald Trump,” is [available for pre-order](#) !

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Veronica Escobar, Andy Levin, Rashida Tlaib, Jackie Speier, Carolyn Maloney, Ayanna Pressley and nine other members of Congress were [among those arrested at a protest in support of abortion rights](#) , marching from the Capitol to the Supreme Court.

Sheldon Whitehouse called on Biden to enter [“executive Beast Mode”](#) to address the climate crisis.

Eric Garcetti was on the Hill on Tuesday, [per NBC’s Sahil Kapur](#) .

OUT AND ABOUT — A kickoff dinner celebrating Aspen Security Forum speakers and moderators took place on Tuesday night at the stunning Aspen home of former Rep. **Jane Harman** (D-Calif.), featuring a brief talk about Ukrainian art and a Ukrainian violinist playing several songs. **SPOTTED:** DHS Secretary **Alejandro Mayorkas**, **Anne Neuberger**, Rep. **Brendan Boyle** (D-Pa.) , **Andrea Mitchell**, **David Rubin**, **Sean Cooper**, **Glenn Gerstell**, **Vivian Schiller**, **Lisa Monaco**, **Matt Olsen**, **Dan Porterfield**, **Anja Manuel**, **Dafna Linzer**, Singapore Ambassador **Ashok Mirpuri**, **Gary and Laura Lauder**, **Susan Miller**, **Joe Nye**, former Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** (R-Texas) , **Paweł Jabłoński**, **Elliot Gerson**, **Mikk Marran**, **Doug Lute**, **C.J. Mahoney**, **Niamh King**, **Bruce Andrews**, **Michael Ortiz**, **Jay Collins**, **Amy Walter**, **Steve Clemons**, **David Sanger** and all the Aspen Strategy Group Rising Leaders. [Pic of the scene](#)

SPOTTED: Maryland Gov. **Larry Hogan** and his chief of staff **Amelia Chasse Alcivar** walking around Aspen on Tuesday afternoon, in town for a Republican Governors Association meeting.

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK — **Cat Rakowski** will be joining FGS Global as a managing director in August. She was previously a booking producer for MSNBC's "Morning Joe" and "Way Too Early"; before that she was at ABC News. She will be based in New York.

TRANSITIONS — **Stewart Barber** and **Molly O'Leary** are joining the Semiconductor Industry Association as directors of government affairs. Barber previously was senior VP of government affairs at Corley Consulting. O'Leary previously was director of government affairs at NTCA. ... **Mike Liptak** is joining the Consumer Brands Association as VP of federal affairs. He previously was VP of government relations at the Travel Technology Association and is a Mitch McConnell alum.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: **Franklin Foer** ... The White House's **Justin Dews** and **Jamal Simmons** ... CNN's **David Chalian** ... **Anita Decker Breckenridge** ... POLITICO's **Aloise Phelps**, **Sydney Poindexter**, **Maya Melkote** and **Kevon Eaglin** ... NASA's **Patrick Kelly** ... **Hunter McKay** of KRC Research ... WaPo's **David Lynch** ... former Sen. **Barbara Mikulski** (D-Md.) ... NBC News PR's **Joya Manasseh** ... Meta's **Don Seymour** ... **Leah Grace Blackwell** ... **Paula Cino** ... **Ashley Morgan** ... **Tristan Breaux** of Tyson Foods ... **Katrina Pierson** ... **Liam Fagan** of Sen. Bernie Sanders' (I-Vt.) office ... former FCC Chair **Dick Wiley** (88) ... **Sharon Copeland** of the Herald Group ... **Tom Friedman**

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Last week, the inspector general of the Department of Homeland Security, Joseph Cuffari, told the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol that the U.S. Secret Service had erased text messages between agents on January 5 and January 6, 2021, during the time of the attack. Last Friday, July 15, the committee subpoenaed those records from the U.S. Secret Service.

Today, the Secret Service said it had only one new text to provide and that any other texts from its agents around January 6 have been deleted and cannot be recovered. Agents were supposedly told to upload their messages to an internal agency drive before a general reset of cell phones, but many did not do so. A Secret Service spokesperson said that the deletion was not on purpose, but the phone reset began on January 27, eleven days after Congress requested the information be preserved.

Because its agents protected then-president Trump and then vice president Mike Pence on January 6, their text messages could provide important context for the events of that day including, for example, Pence's apparent reluctance to get into a vehicle driven by a Secret Service agent, or why agents apparently permitted Trump to record a video outside the White House while the Capitol was under attack.

Like every other branch of government, the Secret Service is required to preserve its records. Today, the chief records officer of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Laurence Brewer, sent a letter to Damian Kokinda, the records officer of the Department of Homeland Security, about "the potential unauthorized deletion" of the texts. Brewer asked the Secret Service to investigate and to send all information about deleted records to NARA within 30 days.

While this seems a bit like locking the door after the horse has left the barn, let me just

say that no one with any brains at all messes with archivists. That Secret Service members were willing to purge texts that they knew by law they had to preserve suggests that they calculated it would be better to face the fallout for deleting the texts than the fallout from whatever was in those texts.

In Georgia, legal filings today revealed that the 16 people who created a false slate of electors for Trump have been told they are targets of the grand jury's investigation into the attempt to steal the 2020 election in that state. Those false electors are trying to quash subpoenas for their testimony, claiming the subpoenas are "unreasonable and oppressive." Despite reports that a Trump campaign official urged them to operate in "complete secrecy," they claim they did not know how "certain high level members of the Trump team" intended to use those false electors, and had provided the slate only in case the real slate of electors was rejected.

Thus, they say, they did nothing wrong. But they did sign their names to a document saying they were the "duly elected and qualified Electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America from the State of Georgia," and they submitted that document to NARA (archivists, again).

In an interview today, Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly Robin Vos said that earlier this month (not a typo), Trump called him to ask him to decertify the 2020 election, a plan some Republicans in the legislature are backing. Vos notes that the legislature does not have the authority to "reclaim" electors. After Vos declined to join Trump's effort, Trump posted a message saying: "The Democrats would like to sincerely thank Robin, and all of his fellow RINOs [Republicans in Name Only], for letting them get away with 'murder.' A Rigged & Stolen Election!"

On Thursday, the January 6 committee will hold another public hearing, this one in prime time. Today, committee chair Bennie Thompson (D-MS) announced he has Covid, so the vice chair, Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY), will run the hearing.

The topic will be Trump's behavior on January 6, 2021 what he did do and what he didn't and former deputy national security advisor Matthew Pottinger and former deputy press secretary Sarah Matthews are scheduled to testify. Both Pottinger and Matthews resigned immediately after January 6. Pottinger said that he decided to quit when he read Trump's 2:24 p.m. tweet attacking Pence as not having "the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution," even while Pence's life was in danger.

Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, who testified before the January 6 committee, has been formally censured by the Arizona Republican Party. Tonight, the chair of the party announced the censure over a number of “offenses.” The censure called for voters to throw Bowers out of office.

While Trump’s people try to evade the law and establish minority rule, others are trying to change it to reflect the wishes of the majority of Americans.

Capitol Police today arrested 34 people, including 17 Democratic members of Congress, for engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience as they protested in front of the Supreme Court in support of abortion rights. Sitting on the street, they were blocking traffic, so police immediately ordered them to leave. When they refused, they were arrested.

Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), who at 76 has seen all this before, later said: “There is no democracy if women do not have control over their own bodies and decisions about their own health, including reproductive care. I have the privilege of representing a state where reproductive rights are respected and protected the least I can do is put my body on the line for the 33 million women at risk of losing their rights. The Republican Party and the right-wing extremists behind this decision are not pro-life, but pro-controlling the bodies of women, girls, and any person who can become pregnant. Their ultimate goal is to institute a national ban on abortion. We will not let them win. We will be back.”

On Friday, Lauren Robel, the former dean of Indiana University’s Maurer School of Law, filed a misconduct complaint with the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission against Indiana attorney general Todd Rokita. Rokita’s inflammatory statements about the physician who provided abortion care to the ten-year-old rape victim forced to travel from Ohio to Indiana to obtain an abortion after the Supreme Court’s June 24 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health* decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, put her in danger. Rokita made baseless claims on the *Fox News Channel* that the physician had not reported the case properly as child abuse, and he began to investigate her medical license. In fact, the physician had reported the abuse as Indiana law required.

This afternoon, the House of Representatives passed a bill to protect gay marriage. The Respect for Marriage Act repeals the 2014 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defined marriage as “only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and

wife” and allowed states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages. The 2015 Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* overrode DOMA, but in case this Supreme Court goes after *Obergefell*, as it has suggested it might do, members of the House want to make sure DOMA doesn’t again become the law of the land.

The bill passed by a vote of 267 to 157. Josh Marshall of *Talking Points Memo* noticed something about the vote. Not surprisingly, all Democrats voted in favor. Also not surprisingly, 157 Republicans 77% of the caucus voted no. The surprise is that 47 Republicans joined the Democrats to vote yes on the measure, and another 7 did not vote. These Republicans were likely willing to vote in favor in part because the new law defers to states to permit them to deny same-sex marriage licenses although it requires them to recognize marriages from other states and Republicans tried hard to argue that such a measure was unnecessary.

But in the end, 54 Republicans were unwilling to go on record against gay marriage, which a whopping 70% of Americans including 55% of Republicans support.

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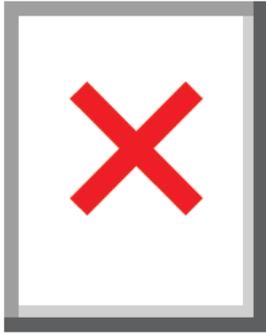
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By Mike A en · July 19, 2022

Today's PM — edited by Justin Green — is 486 words, a 2-minute read.

1 big thing: China vs. Pelosi



Speaker Pelosi arrives for her weekly news conference last Thursday. Photo: Tasos Katopoulos/Getty Images

China is threatening "strong and resolute measures" if Speaker Pelosi follows through next month on her plans to lead a delegation to Taiwan.

Why it matters: Pelosi would be the highest-ranking U.S. lawmaker to visit since former Speaker Newt Gingrich in 1997.

- Pelosi's visit to Taiwan would "seriously violate" the "one China" policy, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said at a press briefing.

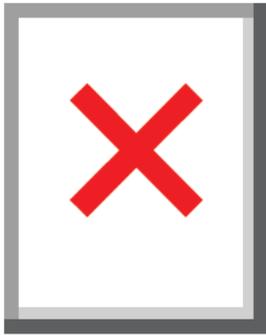
The big picture: Chinese President Xi Jinping has vowed to take control of the self-governing island, by force if necessary.

Pelosi's office wouldn't confirm the trip, first reported by the Financial Times.

- [Axios China reporter Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian](#) is now based in Taiwan, covering U.S.-China competition in the Indo-Pacific. [Read about her move.](#)



2. House Dems arrested near Supreme Court



Some of the House lawmakers detained near the Supreme Court today. Photo: Andrew Soender/Axios

17 House Democrats were detained this afternoon at an abortion rights rally protesting the Supreme Court

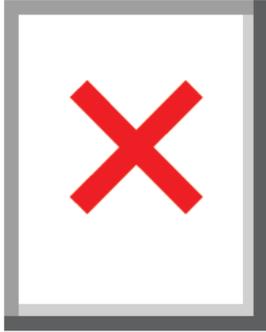
decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

- **U.S. Capitol Police** said the demonstrators were arrested after they failed to follow three warnings to stop blocking a street near the Supreme Court, *Axios' Andrew Solender and Oriana Gonzalez report*.

Capitol Police said 35 people were arrested for "Crowding, Obstructing or Incommoding," including 17 members of Congress.

- **Protesters sat down** on First Street NE outside the Capitol building and blocked the road.

The lawmakers are expected to be released and fined.



Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez speak to the press while being detained. Photo: Sarah S. Bigger/Reuters

The 17 arrested lawmakers:

- Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.)
- Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.)
- Rep. Cori Bush (D-Mo.)
- Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-Pa.)
- Rep. Nydia Velázquez (D-N.Y.)
- Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.)
- Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.)
- Rep. Katherine Clark (D-Mass.)
- Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-Calif.)
- Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.)
- Rep. Andy Levin (D-Mich.)
- Rep. Alma Adams (D-N.C.)
- Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.)
- Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-Texas)
- Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.)
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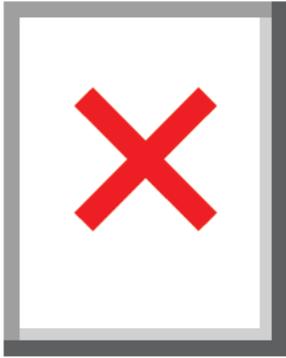
Asked if they're planning future actions along these lines, Rep. Speier, the California Dem who led the protest, said: "Stay tuned."

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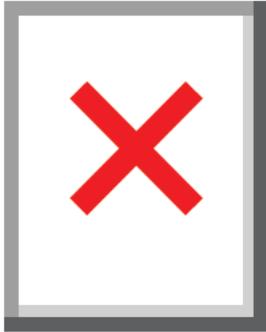
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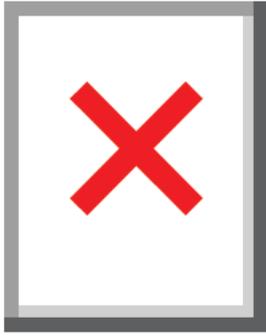


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1. **Tehran trio:** Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Iran today for a summit with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi — with Syria, Ukraine and oil on the agenda, *Axios World* author [Dave Lawler reports](#).
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4. Parting shot: Iconic SUV revival



VW exec Scott Keogh. Photo: VW

Volkswagen's plan to roll out a new line of sporty electric trucks and SUVs under the resurrected Scout brand is a rare chance to win back Americans' hearts, Scout's new boss, Scott Keogh, tells *Axios'* *Joann Muller*.

- **Why it matters:** The Scout is among America's most iconic vehicles, developed in 1961 by International Harvester as a precursor to the modern SUV.

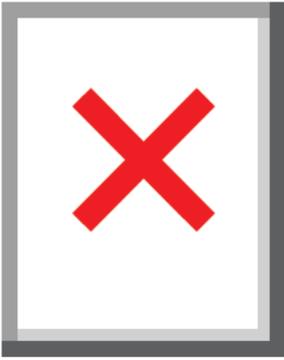
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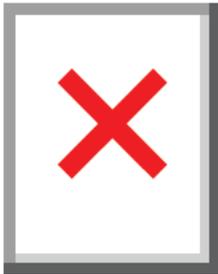
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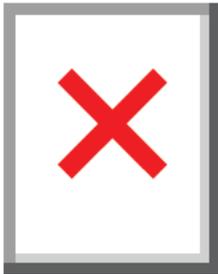
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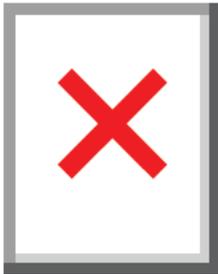
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- "Democratic cities in Republican states seek ways around abortion bans" [\[WaPo\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: **Former CIA engineer convicted in WikiLeaks espionage case**, Jonathan Stempel, July 13, 2022, 6:35 PM

A former CIA software engineer was convicted on Wednesday of leaking classified information to WikiLeaks from the spy agency, in one of the biggest such thefts in CIA history. Jurors in Manhattan federal court convicted Joshua Schulte, 33, on eight espionage charges and one obstruction charge over the so-called Vault 7 leak. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: **Biden to sign joint pledge with Israel to prevent Iran going nuclear**, Steve Holland, July 14, 2022, 4:47 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid will sign a joint pledge to deny Iran nuclear weapons on Thursday, closing ranks after long-running disputes between the allies over global diplomacy with Tehran. Biden, who is visiting Jerusalem, told Israeli TV on Wednesday he was open to "last resort" use of force against Iran - an apparent move toward accommodating Israel's calls on world powers to present a "credible military threat". [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: **White House wants transparency on American investment in China**, Ellen

Nakashima, July 13, 2022, 3:07 PM

The Biden administration says it supports congressional action to require U.S. companies to notify the government before investing in critical sectors in China, endorsing in its first public statement on the matter a bipartisan push for transparency that pits business interests against national security. After more than a year of debate, the White House has achieved a consensus among relevant government agencies on an approach to legislation that mandates notification but empowers the president to go further: to develop regulations restricting and even prohibiting what officials say would be a broad set of investments in a narrow range of sectors that it believes undermine national security. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Maryland police warn officers will enforce law against disturbing peace outside Supreme Court justices' homes, Whitney Wild and Joan Biskupic, July 13, 2022, 8:00 PM

The Montgomery County Police says it will begin enforcing a Maryland law against disturbing the peace after more than two months of regular protests outside the homes of US Supreme Court justices. "Please note: MCPD supports the first amendment right to protest, however anyone violating the disorderly conduct statute, may be subject to arrest. Applicable laws regarding protests in Montgomery County have been added to the MCPD website," police tweeted Wednesday evening. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Will Turn Over Evidence on Fake Electors to the Justice Dept, Luke Broadwater July 13, 2022, 10:00 PM

The Justice Department has asked the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol for evidence it has accumulated about the scheme by former President Donald J. Trump and his allies to put forward false slates of pro-Trump electors in battleground states won by Joseph R. Biden Jr. in 2020. Representative Bennie Thompson, Democrat of Mississippi and the chairman of the committee, disclosed the request to reporters on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, and a person familiar with the panel's work said discussions with the Justice Department about the false elector scheme were ongoing... A Justice Department official said the agency maintained its position that it was requesting copies of all transcripts of witness interviews. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#), [CBS](#)

NYT: A Trump Backer's Downfall as the Target of a Jan. 6 Conspiracy Theory, Alan Feuer, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

Up a winding country road, in a trailer park a half-mile from a cattle ranch, lives a man whose life has been ruined by a Jan. 6 conspiracy theory. Ray Epps has suffered enormously in the past 10 months as right-wing media figures and Republican politicians have baselessly described him as a covert government agent who helped to instigate the attack on the Capitol last year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

AP: Witness tampering at Jan. 6 hearing? Cheney raises prospect, Eric Tucker, July 13, 2022, 5:45 PM

In the latest Jan. 6 hearing, already standing out for its notable moments, Rep. Liz Cheney saved the most startling for last. In her closing remarks, the co-chair of the House investigating committee said the panel had learned that former President Donald Trump had recently tried to contact a witness whom "you have not yet seen in these hearings." The witness apparently recognized the caller ID, and did not answer the phone, instead contacting a lawyer, who then told the committee. The committee in turn referred the matter to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

The Hill: Trump's 2020 outrage drives fear of 'insider' election threats, Robyn White, July 14, 2022, 5:15 AM

Former President Trump's campaign to undermine the 2020 election is fueling concerns over midterm election security, with experts warning of "insider" threats from the very officials charged with guarding the vote. Hundreds of GOP candidates in federal and state races have embraced his false claims about the election, including at least 20 Republican candidates running for secretary of state, according to an NPR analysis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SPECIAL COUNSEL

Washington Examiner: Durham requests 30 subpoenas for testimony in trial against Steele source Igor Danchenko, Jerry Dunleavy, July 13, 2022, 12:48 PM

Special counsel John Durham requested a federal court to issue 30 subpoenas for testimony in the trial against Igor Danchenko, British ex-spy Christopher Steele's alleged main source for his discredited dossier. Danchenko was charged with five counts of making false statements to the FBI, which Durham says he made about the information he provided to Steele for the dossier. His trial is scheduled for October. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Stonecrest mayor pleads guilty to federal fraud charges, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

A former suburban Atlanta mayor was sentenced to nearly five years in prison on Wednesday for masterminding a scheme to steal nearly \$925,000 of the \$6.2 million in COVID-19 relief funds that his city was tasked with handing out. U.S. District Judge Thomas W. Thrash sentenced Stonecrest ex-mayor Jason Lary to 57 months in federal prison and ordered him to pay nearly \$120,000 in restitution. Lary, 60, pleaded guilty in January to wire fraud, federal program theft and conspiracy to commit federal program theft. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), [NYT](#), [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WUPA-CBS \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Reuters: U.S. accuses Fresenius Medical Care unit of fraud in dialysis treatment, Jonathan Stempel, July 13, 2022, 1:36 PM

The United States has joined a whistleblower lawsuit accusing a unit of Germany's Fresenius Medical Care AG of defrauding Medicare and other healthcare programs by billing for medically unnecessary procedures on dialysis patients. According to a civil complaint filed late Tuesday night, Fresenius Vascular Care violated the federal False Claims Act by routinely performing the procedures on patients with end-stage renal disease at nine facilities in New York City and its suburbs from January 2012 to June 2018. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [Patch \(New York City, NY\)](#)

NYT: Suspect Is Arrested in Ohio After Rape of 10-Year-Old Girl, Ava Sasani, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

An Ohio man has been arrested and charged with the rape of a 10-year-old girl, whose travel across state lines to receive an abortion captured national attention. Gerson Fuentes, 27, was arraigned on Wednesday in Franklin County Municipal Court in Columbus, where he was charged with the rape of a child under 13 years old, a felony that can carry a lifetime prison sentence. He was being held on \$2 million bond. [...] The case of the young victim became a focus of the abortion debate after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion enshrined in *Roe v. Wade*. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

NYT: U.S.C. Sex Scandals and the Paper That Tried to Cover Them Up, Katie Benner, July 13, 2022, 10:51 AM

“Bad City,” by Paul Pringle, begins in Pasadena, Calif., in March 2016, with the kind of tip that reporters prize: An unconscious young woman. A drug-paraphernalia-strewn hotel room. An older male companion, reluctant to call for help, who turns out to be the dean of the University of Southern California’s prestigious Keck School of Medicine. Pringle, an investigative reporter at The Los Angeles Times, believed that he could quickly push out a story about one more powerful man behaving badly, the bread-and-butter work of someone who keeps tabs on the city’s most influential people for a living. In fact, the hotel episode led to a series of facts that were much darker than Pringle could have imagined. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: 2 men charged in separate alleged human smuggling cases, Teddy Grant and Luke Barr, July 13, 2022, 6:16 PM

Two men have been charged in separate incidents for allegedly attempting to smuggle more than 70 migrants each through a border patrol checkpoint in Texas, weeks after the deadliest human trafficking incident in U.S. history. The departments of Justice and Homeland Security claim that Menietto Lateet Crawford, 41, and Denny Fuentes, 41, attempted to smuggle migrants across the border on June 14 and 15, respectively. The men were also each charged with conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Seattle Times (Seattle, WA): Armed man arrested in Olympic National Park pleads guilty to interfering with government communication system, Daisy Zavala Magaña, July 13, 2022, 5:12 PM

A Port Angeles man accused of assaulting his girlfriend at Olympic National Park and ranting about an impending revolution pleaded guilty on Wednesday to interfering with a government communication system. Caleb Jesse Chapman, 42, disabled the Olympic National Park radio communications site at the Blue Mountain summit early on Aug. 29, 2021, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for Western Washington said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KING-NBC \(Seattle, WA\)](#), [KIRO-CBS \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): Chiropractor charged with sexually assaulting 7 female patients while treating them at Irvine clinic, Darlene Powells, July 13, 2022, 6:49 PM

A chiropractor who has worked throughout Southern California and in Virginia was charged with sexually assaulting seven female patients while treating them at an Irvine clinic, the Orange County District Attorney announced Wednesday. Lincoln Esguerra Carillo, 60, was arrested in Virginia last week and brought back to Orange County Monday. He was charged with nearly two dozen felony and misdemeanor counts of sexual penetration, sexual battery, and touching an intimate part of another person. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KABC-ABC \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [KTLA-CW \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

WREG-CBS (Memphis, TN): Restaurant operators federally charged with conspiracy to harbor undocumented workers, Laura Schweizer, Brittney Baird, July 13, 2022, 6:20 PM

Multiple people were charged with conspiracy to harbor undocumented workers in an indictment that was unsealed on Wednesday by U.S. Attorney Mark Wildasin. The nine-count federal indictment alleges four people who own and operate various restaurants in Middle Tennessee participated in a scheme to harbor undocumented workers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDIV-NBC (Detroit, MI): Taylor man who sexually exploited over 100 minors gets 25-year sentence, Elizabeth Washington, July 13, 2022, 4:31 PM

A 53-year-old Metro Detroit man was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison after exploiting over 100 minors for child pornography. The United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Michigan announced Wednesday that Kenneth Hartley, 53, of Taylor, has been sentenced to 25 years in prison on charges of sexual exploitation of children and possession of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMAR-ABC (Baltimore, MD): Former Baltimore sergeant sentenced to prison for helping GTTF member plant evidence, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:26 PM

A former Baltimore Police sergeant was sentenced to nearly two years in prison for assisting a member of the Baltimore Police Gun Trace Task Force by planting evidence at the scene of an arrest. Keith Allen Gladstone, 53, from New Park, Pennsylvania, will be serving 21 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBM-CBS (Chicago, IL): Former state inspector Jose Guillen faces federal charges, accused of lying about groping women business owners, Megan Hickey, July 13, 2022, 10:33 PM

A former State of Illinois inspector, who was fired after he was caught on camera groping the owner of a doggy daycare center, has been arrested on federal charges. CBS 2 Investigator Megan Hickey was the first to report last year that former Illinois Department of Agriculture inspector Jose Guillen was caught on camera, groping Leah Bindig during an inspection at Aeslin Pup Hub, her doggy daycare, boarding, and grooming business. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Tribune](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Pharmacies Can't Discriminate on Reproductive Health Scripts, Tom Murphy, July 13, 2022, 5:17 PM

The Biden administration is warning pharmacies not to discriminate against women who may seek reproductive health prescriptions, including some that might be involved in ending a pregnancy. The Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday that pharmacies receiving federal money from programs such as Medicare and Medicaid cannot discriminate in how they supply medications or advise patients on prescriptions. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

NBC: New Mexico attorney general will review Albuquerque police actions that led to teen's death during raid, Safia Samee Ali, July 13, 2022, 5:10 PM

As community groups demand answers after a teen died of smoke inhalation during the course of a police raid, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas said Wednesday that his office will independently review the department's handling of the incident. [...] The Albuquerque Police Department is under a federal consent decree agreed upon in 2014 after the U.S. government determined it had a pattern of excessive force. Under the agreement, the department is required to report details of the investigations to the Department of Justice and its independent federal monitor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Seattle man faces hate crime charge after he's accused of threatening Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Dareh Gregorian, Dareh Gregorian, July 13, 2022, 4:58 PM

A Seattle man faces a hate crime charge after he was accused of yelling racist threats outside the home of Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., while he was packing a handgun. Brett Allen Forsell, 48, was ordered held in lieu of \$500,000 bail after he was arrested in King County near Jayapal's home late Saturday. Prosecutors have said that probable cause was found for a hate crime and that they could make a charging decision as soon as Wednesday.

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KCUR-NPR (Kansas City, MO): Federal court rules immigration law violates First Amendment, in a win for Kansas workers, Dan Margolies, July 13, 2022, 5:21 PM

A federal appeals court has found unconstitutional a statute making it a crime to encourage or induce a noncitizen to reside in the United States. In a 2-1 decision on Wednesday, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling finding the statute to be overbroad under the First Amendment. The appeals court decision, written by Judge Nancy Moritz, found that the statute “criminalizes a substantial amount of constitutionally protected speech, creating a real danger that the statute will chill First Amendment expression.”

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CIVIL LAW

AP: Arizona attorney general asks court to unblock abortion ban, Dareh Gregorian, Bob Christie, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

Arizona’s Republican attorney general on Wednesday asked a court to lift an injunction blocking the enforcement of a law that bans all abortions except when the life of the mother is at risk. The filing from Attorney General Mark Brnovich asks a court in Tucson to lift an order in place since shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1973’s Roe v. Wade case that abortions are a constitutional right. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Solera Pharmacy Settles Anti-Overdose Drug Fraud Allegations,

Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 1:40 PM

Florida-based Solera Specialty Pharmacy has agreed to pay a \$1.31 million civil settlement to resolve Medicare fraud claims regarding the Evzio drug, the Department of Justice said Wednesday. Solera allegedly completed and submitted prior authorization forms for Evzio, a high-priced drug used in rapid reversal of opioid overdoses, instead of the prescribing physicians, the DOJ said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Asylum wait lists at US border frustrate, confuse migrants, Elliot Spagat, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

Opaque waiting lists at the Mexico border to gain a chance at obtaining asylum in the United States have persisted under President Joe Biden, leading many migrants to give up and cross illegally or languish for months in border towns. U.S. preparations in late April to end pandemic-related limits on asylum led to the latest round of registering names. In Tijuana, an online registry run by advocacy group Al Otro Lado soared to about 50,000. In Piedras Negras, a migrant services center’s list ballooned to 2,000 before being halted. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Diversity Quotas In \$1.2T Infrastructure Act Illegal, Suit Says, Hannah Albarazi, July 13, 2022, 10:18 PM

A white businessman sued the Biden administration in Florida federal court on Wednesday, claiming the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill signed into law in November discriminates against white men by unlawfully setting aside contracts for businesses owned by women and certain minorities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Axios: Scoop: ICE is short \$345 million, poised to spend more than ever, Stef W. Kight, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will run out of money before October

unless the Department of Homeland Security pulls millions of dollars from other programs, as the surge of migrants at the border drives up costs, three sources familiar with the details tell Axios. Why it matters: ICE is one of the most controversial government agencies and a target for progressives because of its role in arresting and detaining undocumented immigrants. But under President Biden, it's poised to spend more taxpayer funds than ever as it closes an estimated \$345 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Bloomberg Law: DOJ Tactics Come Under Scrutiny After Chicken Price-Fixing Loss, Dan Papsun, July 13, 2022, 12:44 PM

The Justice Department's defeat in its lawsuit against chicken-industry executives adds to a string of antitrust losses that casts a shadow on its scrutiny of the meat industry and broader enforcement goals. Five former and current executives from Pilgrim's Pride Corp. and Georgia-based Claxton Poultry Farms were found not guilty of price-fixing in the trial, which ended July 7 in the US District Court for the District of Colorado. Two previous trials brought by the DOJ's antitrust division in the same case ended with deadlocked juries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

NPR: Animal rescue groups across the U.S. band together to rescue 4,000 beagles, Jaclyn Diaz, July 14, 2022, 5:30 AM

Several animal rescue organizations across the U.S. are racing against the clock to rehome approximately 4,000 beagles from a research facility in Virginia. The Humane Society of the United States is working with the U.S. Justice Department in spearheading the effort to transfer these dogs from their current home to shelters in a matter of weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

AP: North Carolina Man Sent to Prison for \$2.5M Tax Fraud, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:16 PM

A North Carolina man is going to prison following his conviction stemming from a \$2.5 million tax fraud scheme based on the preparation and filing of false tax returns, according to federal prosecutors. Court documents and statements said Joseph Octave, 49, of Charlotte was the leader of a multi-year, multimillion-dollar tax fraud scheme involving hundreds of fraudulent tax returns, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Octave owned and operated a tax preparation business in Charlotte. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): CNY donut shop owners sentenced to prison for hiding \$4.5 million in cash sales, feds say, James McClendon, July 13, 2022, 5:49 PM

The owners of a popular Central New York donut shop were sentenced to prison Wednesday after they were convicted for concealing \$4.5 million in cash sales, federal prosecutors said. Rome residents John Zourdos, 69, his wife Helen Zourdos, 65, and their son Dimitrios Zourdos, were found guilty in November 2021 by a federal trial jury in Utica of conspiring to defraud the United States and for tax evasion, according to a news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Advocate (New Orleans, LA): Accountant imprisoned 3½ years for taking \$1 million from New Orleans firefighters fund, Missy Wilkinson, July 13, 2022, 3:56 PM

A Baton Rouge accountant who looted the New Orleans firefighters pension fund to cover his gambling, home improvement and living expenses was sentenced Tuesday to 41 months in prison, U.S. Attorney Duane Evans' office said. Wayne Triche, 72, pleaded guilty in March to charges of wire fraud and tax fraud. U.S. District Judge Greg Guidry sentenced Triche to 41 months in prison. He must also pay \$937,659 in restitution to the New Orleans Firefighters Pension and Relief Fund (NOFPRF) and \$329,895 to the Internal Revenue Service as part of the sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

HuffPost: **FBI Arrests Baltimore Police Officer For Allegedly Selling Ghost Gun, Drugs**, Phillip Jackson, July 13, 2022, 7:38 PM

The FBI on Wednesday arrested a Baltimore police officer for allegedly selling drugs and a privately made gun in exchange for cash and narcotics, according to a media release from the Department of Justice. Steven Umberto Angelini, 41, is charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and oxycodone and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Angelini, who has worked in the department for 16 years, has been suspended without pay. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA): **ATF offers 10k reward after three gun shops burglarized in Albany, 79 firearms stolen**, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) has announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person(s) responsible for a string of firearm thefts in Albany. The thefts occurred in the early morning hours on April 24, May 4, and July 6 at three gun shop locations in Albany. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Montgomery Advertiser: **Federal judge denies Joe Nathan James Jr.'s requests for stay of execution on July 28**, Evan Mealins, July 13, 2022, 5:47 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday denied Joe Nathan James Jr.'s requests for a stay of execution. Barring possible last-minute court intervention, James will die by lethal injection on July 28. James, 49, was sentenced to death for capital murder in the 1994 killing of his former girlfriend, Faith Hall. In June and early July, James filed several lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama against the state attorney general and numerous justice system officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Seattle Times (Seattle, WA): **SeaTac detention center has most COVID infections among federally run prisons**, Amanda Zhou, July 13, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Federal Detention Center in SeaTac has been hit with a wave of COVID-19 infections, as 189 people in custody have recently tested positive for the coronavirus, authorities say. The detention center has more active COVID cases than any other facility managed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which does not include private prisons and state prisons and jails. Federal correctional institutions in Texarkana, Texas, and Phoenix have 55 and 59 active cases, respectively,

US ATTORNEYS

Times Union (Albany, NY): **Justice Department honors NXIVM prosecution team, except for its leader**, Robert Gavin, July 13, 2022, 5:23 PM

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The Oregonian (Portland, OR): **Natalie Wight to serve as Oregon's interim U.S. attorney; Scott Asphaug headed to Nairobi**, Maxine Bernstein, July 13, 2022, 2:54 PM
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JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

AP: **Biden nominates two more judges for western Washington**, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday made two more nominations for the federal bench in western Washington state: Seattle lawyers Jamal Whitehead and Kymberly Evanson. Whitehead is a civil litigator with the firm Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, where he focuses on workplace discrimination and unfair labor practices. He recently represented a class of immigration detainees at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma who successfully sued the private prison contractor The GEO Group for back pay, arguing that they should have been granted the minimum wage for cooking, cleaning and other tasks they performed [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: **Biden's six newest judicial nominees include Hispanic, LGBTQ firsts**, Nate Raymond, July 13, 2022, 4:30 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday nominated six federal judges in Massachusetts, New York, Virginia and Washington, but the list once again did not include a Republican abortion opponent, who the White House recently planned to name to a judgeship in Kentucky. The latest batch of district court nominees included two who would be the first Hispanics to serve on the federal district courts in Massachusetts and northern New York and the first openly LGBTQ judge in Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: **Republicans finally offer blue slip for Biden court nominee**, Rose Wagner, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Senate Judiciary Committee considered a slate of judicial nominees Wednesday, including a Seventh Circuit nominee who is the first of President Biden's circuit court picks to get approval from two Republican home-state senators. Doris Pryor would ascend to the Chicago-based federal appeals court from the Southern District of Indiana where she has been a federal magistrate judge since 2018. Indiana Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young have both backed Pryor's nomination, the first time this Congress that any Republican has given the seal of approval known as a blue slip to a nominee who would serve their district. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Washington Examiner: **Is America's immigration crisis causing the fentanyl epidemic?**, Anna Giaritelli, July 13, 2022, 4:48 PM

More black market fentanyl is being seized from drug smugglers at the U.S.-Mexico border than ever before — an indication of just how much of the powerful powdery substance

cartels are moving into the United States. Consequently, U.S. overdose deaths have skyrocketed — all while illegal migration at the southern border soars to the highest levels in U.S. history. Ahead of the midterm elections, Republicans have pointed to both border phenomena as being connected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

WaPo: **[PERSPECTIVE] Federal employees aren't happy. These agencies are especially troubled**, Joe Davidson, July 13, 2022, 10:53 AM

The latest Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings, released on Wednesday, raise troubling issues for the Biden administration and those federal agencies whose reputations are falling fast. Across the government, the overall 4.5-point drop in employee engagement, an estimate of worker morale, is a disturbing indication that significant improvement is needed at agencies large and small. Almost two-thirds of the agencies saw their scores drop or stay flat — not a good sign. Employee engagement scores are the key element in the annual ratings produced by the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service and the Boston Consulting Group. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Mediaite: **Adam Schiff Takes a Shot at Merrick Garland, Says Jan. 6 House Probe Is 'So Far Out Ahead of the Justice Department'**, Michael Luciano, July 14, 2022, 1:14 AM

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NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 13, 2022

- U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates aggressively -- trends that raise the risk of a recession. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [NBC](#)]
- Families of mass shooting victims gathered in Washington, D.C., to push for an assault weapons ban. Norah O'Donnell spoke with a father from Uvalde (TX), who warned that every town should be prepared for a similar tragedy and criticized the police response to the Robb Elementary School shooting. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden arrived in Israel with the specter of a nuclear-armed Iran hanging over his first presidential trip to the region. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- As WNBA star Brittney Griner remains in Russian detention, Naama Issachar – whose story is eerily similar – is speaking out. In 2019, she had a layover in Moscow and was pulled from the boarding line. Russian authorities searched her backpack and found a third of an ounce of cannabis. She was held for 10 months in a Russian jail. [[NBC](#)]
- A suspect was charged with raping a 10-year-old girl in Ohio following a doctor's comments that the child had to travel to Indiana for an abortion after the Supreme Court's recent landmark ruling. [[ABC](#)]
- The House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack convened on Tuesday for its latest hearing to further examine former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss and ties his orbit had to far-right militia groups. [[ABC](#)]

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WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: JULY 14, 2022

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CONGRESS

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- 2:00 PM: House Judiciary Committee: Whats Next: The Threat to Individual Freedoms in a Post-Roe World.

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US ATTORNEYS

The Oregonian (Portland, OR): **Natalie Wight to serve as Oregon's interim U.S. attorney; Scott Asphaug headed to Nairobi**, Maxine Bernstein, July 3, 2022, 2:54 PM

Oregon's U.S. Attorney Scott E. Asphaug, who has served in the top federal prosecutor's job for more than a year, is headed to Nairobi later this month to spend his last two years as a U.S. Justice Department legal adviser in Kenya before retiring. His last day as head of Oregon's U.S. Attorney's Office will be Sunday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): **Asphaug stepping down as US Attorney for District of Oregon**, Michaela Bourgeois, July 13, 2022, 5:11 PM

Scott Erik Asphaug announced he is stepping down as U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon effective July 17. Asphaug, who was appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland in February 2021, will become the Justice Department's Resident Legal Advisor in Nairobi, Kenya to work on justice sector issues with the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training team. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)
See also: [KTVZ-NBC \(Bend, OR\)](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: **Former CIA engineer convicted in WikiLeaks espionage case**, Jonathan Stempel, July 13, 2022, 6:35 PM

A former CIA software engineer was convicted on Wednesday of leaking classified information to WikiLeaks from the spy agency, in one of the biggest such thefts in CIA history. Jurors in Manhattan federal court convicted Joshua Schulte, 33, on eight espionage charges and one obstruction charge over the so-called Vault 7 leak. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: **Capitol rioter with Confederate flag gets 5 months in prison**, Michael Kunzelman, July 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Maryland man who used a lacrosse stick attached to a Confederate battle flag to shove a police officer during the U.S. Capitol riot was sentenced on Wednesday to five months in prison, according to a Justice Department spokesman. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper also sentenced David Alan Blair, to 18 months of supervised release after his prison term and ordered him to pay \$2,000 in restitution, said William Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Insider](#)

NYT: **A Trump Backer's Downfall as the Target of a Jan. 6 Conspiracy Theory**, Alan Feuer, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

Up a winding country road, in a trailer park a half-mile from a cattle ranch, lives a man whose life has been ruined by a Jan. 6 conspiracy theory. Ray Epps has suffered enormously in the past 10 months as right-wing media figures and Republican politicians have baselessly described him as a covert government agent who helped to instigate the attack on the Capitol last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WaPo: White House wants transparency on American investment in China, Ellen Nakashima, July 13, 2022, 3:07 PM

The Biden administration says it supports congressional action to require U.S. companies to notify the government before investing in critical sectors in China, endorsing in its first public statement on the matter a bipartisan push for transparency that pits business interests against national security. After more than a year of debate, the White House has achieved a consensus among relevant government agencies on an approach to legislation that mandates notification but empowers the president to go further: to develop regulations restricting and even prohibiting what officials say would be a broad set of investments in a narrow range of sectors that it believes undermine national security. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Maryland police warn officers will enforce law against disturbing peace outside Supreme Court justices' homes, Whitney Wild and Joan Biskupic, July 13, 2022, 8:00 PM

The Montgomery County Police says it will begin enforcing a Maryland law against disturbing the peace after more than two months of regular protests outside the homes of US Supreme Court justices. "Please note: MCPD supports the first amendment right to protest, however anyone violating the disorderly conduct statute, may be subject to arrest. Applicable laws regarding protests in Montgomery County have been added to the MCPD website," police tweeted Wednesday evening. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Durham requests 30 subpoenas for testimony in trial against Steele source Igor Danchenko, Jerry Dunleavy, July 13, 2022, 12:48 PM

Special counsel John Durham requested a federal court to issue 30 subpoenas for testimony in the trial against Igor Danchenko, British ex-spy Christopher Steele's alleged main source for his discredited dossier. Danchenko was charged with five counts of making false statements to the FBI, which Durham says he made about the information he provided to Steele for the dossier. His trial is scheduled for October. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Epoch Times](#)

The Pantagraph (Normal, IL): Ford County resident sentenced to 14 years for domestic terrorism-related charges, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

A former Ford County resident has been sentenced to 14 years in federal prison on charges related to domestic terrorism spanning from October 2017 to March 2018. Emily C. Hari, formerly known as Michael B. Hari, of Clarence, pleaded guilty in February to conspiracy to interfere with commerce by threats and violence, attempted arson, unlawful possession of a machinegun and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGW-NBC (Portland, OR): Portland woman charged in US Capitol riot identified through social media, David Mann, July 13, 2022, 8:37 PM

A Portland woman is facing federal charges for allegedly storming the U.S. Capitol during last year's Jan. 6 insurrection in Washington D.C. Within the first couple weeks of the insurrection, the FBI's Portland office received multiple tips claiming that 30-year-old Lilith Saer had participated in the riot. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 HEARINGS

AP: Capitol riot hearings raise questions of presidential power, Gary Fields, July 14, 2022, 12:00 AM

The House Jan. 6 committee's investigation of the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election and the events

leading up to the U.S. Capitol insurrection is raising questions about former President Donald Trump's role and whether he committed crimes. The various schemes and talking points that witnesses have revealed also highlight what a president has the authority to do. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Witness tampering at Jan. 6 hearing? Cheney raises prospect, Eric Tucker, July 13, 2022, 5:45 PM
In the latest Jan. 6 hearing, already standing out for its notable moments, Rep. Liz Cheney saved the most startling for last. In her closing remarks, the co-chair of the House investigating committee said the panel had learned that former President Donald Trump had recently tried to contact a witness whom "you have not yet seen in these hearings." The witness apparently recognized the caller ID, and did not answer the phone, instead contacting a lawyer, who then told the committee. The committee in turn referred the matter to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Will Turn Over Evidence on Fake Electors to the Justice Dept, Luke Broadwater July 13, 2022, 10:00 PM
The Justice Department has asked the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol for evidence it has accumulated about the scheme by former President Donald J. Trump and his allies to put forward false slates of pro-Trump electors in battleground states won by Joseph R. Biden Jr. in 2020. Representative Bennie Thompson, Democrat of Mississippi and the chairman of the committee, disclosed the request to reporters on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, and a person familiar with the panel's work said discussions with the Justice Department about the false elector scheme were ongoing. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [Politico](#), [San Diego Union-Tribune](#), [Seattle Times](#)

NYT: [OPINION] Trump: A Brat, but Not a Child, Charles M. Blow, July 13, 2022, 9:00 PM
"President Trump is a 76-year-old man. He is not an impressionable child. Just like everyone else in our country, he is responsible for his own actions and his own choices." Those were the words of Representative Liz Cheney on Tuesday in her opening statement at the Jan. 6 House select committee's seventh hearing, as she swatted away what she said was a new strategy among Donald Trump's defenders: claiming that he was manipulated by outside advisers and therefore "incapable of telling right from wrong." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Jan. 6 and the Search for Direct Trump Links, Blake Hounshell and Alan Feuer, July 13, 2022, 6:00 PM
The House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol held another blockbuster hearing on Tuesday, which featured previously unseen texts and draft social media posts suggesting that Donald Trump and his aides tried to make the march on the Capitol appear spontaneous even though they knew they were guiding a mob that was likely to turn violent. To better understand the state of the House inquiry and the related Justice Department investigations, I spoke with Alan Feuer, who has been leading The New York Times's coverage of the prosecutions of the Jan. 6 rioters and has reported extensively on extremist groups and movements. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: [OPINION] Trump's 'executive privilege' letter may have little to do with trying to help Bannon, Shan Wu, July 14, 2022, 4:22 AM
The lead-up to the contempt of Congress trial of former Donald Trump adviser Steve Bannon may reveal more about the former president's planned defense strategy than what defense Bannon intends to raise. Bannon is going to trial for his refusal to comply with the Jan. 6 House select committee's subpoena for months. In a last-ditch effort to weasel his way out of his upcoming trial, he requested a delay and said he would now be willing to comply with the committee's investigation. What caused this change of heart? A letter from Trump on Saturday claiming that he had invoked executive privilege but was now "waiving" it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: House Jan. 6 committee is having conversations with Justice Department, Caroline Linton, July 13, 2022, 5:54 PM

The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol has been having conversations with the Justice Department about the phony elector scheme put forward by former President Donald Trump's allies, committee chair Rep. Bennie Thompson said Wednesday. Thompson confirmed a day earlier the committee had been having discussions with the Justice Department. He clarified on Wednesday that those conversations are about a scheme allegedly cooked up by Trump's allies to put forward alternate electors supporting him in seven battleground states that President Joe Biden won. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

The Hill: Trump's 2020 outrage drives fear of 'insider' election threats, Robyn White, July 14, 2022, 5:15 AM

Former President Trump's campaign to undermine the 2020 election is fueling concerns over midterm election security, with experts warning of "insider" threats from the very officials charged with guarding the vote. Hundreds of GOP candidates in federal and state races have embraced his false claims about the election, including at least 20 Republican candidates running for secretary of state, according to an NPR analysis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Jan. 6 panel changed script for star witness — at a steep cost, Rebecca Beitsch and Mike Lillies, July 14, 2022, 5:15 AM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack scrambled to add new testimony from White House counsel Pat Cipollone to its latest hearing on Tuesday, and in the process bumped aside evidence about former President Trump's ties to violent extremist groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: What We Learned From This Week's Jan. 6 Hearing — And What Questions Still Remain, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

In a tweet sent on December 19, 2021, former President Trump issued what Democrats now say was a "clarion call" to his supporters. "Big protest in D.C. on January 6th," he wrote. "Be there, will be wild!" This week, in a hearing of the House committee investigating the January 6th attack on the Capitol, we learned more about what happened in the days and weeks after the President sent that tweet — and the tense moments in the White House just hours before. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Stonecrest mayor pleads guilty to federal fraud charges, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

A former suburban Atlanta mayor was sentenced to nearly five years in prison on Wednesday for masterminding a scheme to steal nearly \$925,000 of the \$6.2 million in COVID-19 relief funds that his city was tasked with handing out. U.S. District Judge Thomas W. Thrash sentenced Stonecrest ex-mayor Jason Lary to 57 months in federal prison and ordered him to pay nearly \$120,000 in restitution. Lary, 60, pleaded guilty in January to wire fraud, federal program theft and conspiracy to commit federal program theft. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), [NYT](#), [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WUPA-CBS \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Reuters: U.S. accuses Fresenius Medical Care unit of fraud in dialysis treatment, Jonathan Stempel, July 13, 2022, 1:36 PM

The United States has joined a whistleblower lawsuit accusing a unit of Germany's Fresenius Medical Care AG ([FMEG.DE](#)) of defrauding Medicare and other healthcare programs by billing for medically unnecessary procedures on dialysis patients. According to a civil complaint filed late Tuesday night, Fresenius Vascular Care violated the federal False Claims Act by routinely performing the procedures on patients with end-stage renal disease at nine facilities in New York City and its suburbs from January 2012 to June 2018. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [Patch \(New York City, NY\)](#)

NYT: Suspect Is Arrested in Ohio After Rape of 10-Year-Old Girl, Ava Sasani, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

An Ohio man has been arrested and charged with the rape of a 10-year-old girl, whose travel across state lines to receive an abortion captured national attention. Gerson Fuentes, 27, was arraigned on Wednesday in Franklin County Municipal Court in Columbus, where he was charged with the rape of a child under 13 years old, a felony that can carry a lifetime prison sentence. He was being held on \$2 million bond. [...] The case of the young victim became a focus of the abortion debate after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion enshrined in *Roe v. Wade*. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

NYT: U.S.C. Sex Scandals and the Paper That Tried to Cover Them Up, Katie Benner, July 13, 2022, 10:51 AM

“Bad City,” by Paul Pringle, begins in Pasadena, Calif., in March 2016, with the kind of tip that reporters prize: An unconscious young woman. A drug-paraphernalia-strewn hotel room. An older male companion, reluctant to call for help, who turns out to be the dean of the University of Southern California’s prestigious Keck School of Medicine. Pringle, an investigative reporter at The Los Angeles Times, believed that he could quickly push out a story about one more powerful man behaving badly, the bread-and-butter work of someone who keeps tabs on the city’s most influential people for a living. In fact, the hotel episode led to a series of facts that were much darker than Pringle could have imagined. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: 2 men charged in separate alleged human smuggling cases, Teddy Grant and Luke Barr, July 13, 2022, 6:16 PM

Two men have been charged in separate incidents for allegedly attempting to smuggle more than 70 migrants each through a border patrol checkpoint in Texas, weeks after the deadliest human trafficking incident in U.S. history. The departments of Justice and Homeland Security claim that Menietto Lateet Crawford, 41, and Denny Fuentes, 41, attempted to smuggle migrants across the border on June 14 and 15, respectively. The men were also each charged with conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Ex-fugitive's murder charge in Alabama jailer's suicide has attorneys scratching their heads, Elliott C. McLaughlin, July 13, 2022, 3:20 PM

A murder charge in a ... suicide? The latest development in the case of Casey White, a onetime [sic] fugitive charged with killing the jailer who helped him escape, is a first for many legal minds. Aided by Lauderdale County assistant director of corrections Vicky White, 56, to whom he was not related, Casey White, 38, escaped in April, spurring an 11-day manhunt which ended in a May 9 car chase in Indiana. When police apprehended Casey White, they found Vicky White had suffered a gunshot wound to the head. She died later at a hospital, and the coroner ruled her death a suicide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Impersonating Patients Catches Up With \$600 Million Scammer, Peter Blumberg, July 13, 2022, 7:08 PM

A New York man who operated a medical billing company was convicted of defrauding health insurance companies and businesses of more than \$600 million by inflating bills for hospital procedures, according to federal prosecutors. Mathew James, 54, was accused of directing his doctor clients to schedule elective surgeries through emergency rooms so that insurers would reimburse at higher rates, the US Justice Department said in a statement Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Business Observer: Former chamber of commerce president faces decades in prison for theft, Louis Llovio, July 13, 2022, 4:00 PM

A former president of the then-Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce is facing 60 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to stealing more than \$100,000 from the merchant’s association. David Gainer Jr., 50, who was the head of the organization and its treasurer, has pleaded guilty to three counts of wire fraud, each carrying a maximum sentence of 20 years. He has also agreed to forfeit \$104,689, which is the amount of money the U.S.

Department of Justice says he “fraudulently misappropriated.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice (Garfield, NJ): Passaic County Man Admits Laundering More Than \$2.8 Million For International Drug Cartels, Jerry DeMarco, July 13, 2022, 7:10 PM

A Passaic County man admitted laundering more than \$2.8 million in drug cash for international cartels operating in New Jersey and New York, authorities announced. Enmanuel Nunez-Reyes, 29, of Paterson became the fifth of six county residents charged in the case to take a deal from the government rather than face trial. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Marshfield News Herald (Marshfield, WI): 2 men are charged with kidnapping an Abbotsford man and forcing him to work in Florida, authorities say, Karen Madden, July 13, 2022, 6:05 PM

Two Florida men are facing federal charges after they were accused of kidnapping a man from Abbotsford and taking him to Florida. Gerardo Hernandez Anselmo, 34, and Felipe Engracia-Gonzalez, 39, both of Kissimmee, Florida, are charged with kidnapping the man and holding him for money, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice Western District of Wisconsin. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Riverfront Times (St. Louis, MO): Authorities Find 400 Pounds of Meth in St. Louis Storage Unit, Ryan Krull, July 13, 2022, 5:51 PM

A Wildwood man is facing federal charges of drug possession and intent to distribute after investigators discovered 400 pounds of methamphetamine in a storage locker he'd used. Kolby L. Kristiansen, 68, of St. Charles, was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

Daily Voice (Howard County, MD): Fraudster Resentenced For Stealing IDs Of Hundreds Of Victims In \$2.2M Scheme In Maryland, Annie DeVoe, July 13, 2022, 5:12 PM

A Columbia man has been sentenced to 126 months in federal prison after two separate schemes to obtain fraudulent tax refunds, authorities say. Toyosi Alatishe, also known as "Felix Victor Johnson", 51, was re-sentenced Tuesday, July 12, after he appealed his 2019 conviction and sentencing. The new sentence reduced the original by six months, and rejected a request for time served. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Seattle Times (Seattle, WA): Armed man arrested in Olympic National Park pleads guilty to interfering with government communication system, Daisy Zavala Magaña, July 13, 2022, 5:12 PM

A Port Angeles man accused of assaulting his girlfriend at Olympic National Park and ranting about an impending revolution pleaded guilty on Wednesday to interfering with a government communication system. Caleb Jesse Chapman, 42, disabled the Olympic National Park radio communications site at the Blue Mountain summit early on Aug. 29, 2021, the U.S. Attorney's Office for Western Washington said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KING-NBC \(Seattle, WA\)](#), [KIRO-CBS \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review (Wausau, WI): Wausau man facing federal drug, gun charges, authorities say, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Wausau man was indicted Wednesday on federal charges in connection with a drug distribution scheme, according to a U.S. Dept. of Justice release. Trenton McCorkle, 26, faces charges of possessing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on December 14, 2021, he possessed 50 grams or more of methamphetamine for distribution and a loaded .45 caliber handgun and ammunition. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

New Haven Register: Feds: Seymour man sentenced to 66 months for role in Bridgeport drug distribution operation, Ben Lambert, July 13, 2022, 4:37 PM

A Seymour man has been sentenced to more than five years in prison after being caught with drugs and guns as authorities investigated the distribution of narcotics in Bridgeport, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for

Connecticut. Louie McDowell, 49, previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances, and one count of possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Hartford Courant](#)

The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): **Man sentenced in Syracuse to over 4 years in prison for weapons, meth charges**, Anne Hayes, July 13, 2022, 1:20 PM

A 38-year-old Central New York man was sentenced to 4 years and 4 months in federal prison Tuesday for drug and weapons charges, federal prosecutors said. George D. Robinson, of Watertown, was convicted for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of firearms by a convicted felon, according to a news release from the United States Attorney's Office Northern District of New York. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hartford Courant: **New Haven man to plead guilty to cyberstalking charges in Massachusetts**, Mike Mavredakis, July 13, 2022, 12:16 PM

A New Haven man has agreed to plead guilty to charges of threatening, harassing and intimidating a Massachusetts woman through social media and email, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in the District of Massachusetts. Marshall Nicholas Fain, 31, of New Haven was arrested and charged with cyberstalking and transmitting threats through interstate commerce on Feb. 2. He has now agreed to plead guilty to these charges, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. A plea hearing has not yet been scheduled. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCNC-NBC (Charlotte, NC): **3 South Carolina men sentenced to prison for defrauding Lowe's of more than \$450,000**, Madelyn Ricket, July 13, 2022, 10:17 PM

On Wednesday, June 13, a U.S. District Judge sentenced three South Carolina men to prison after they all plead guilty to a scheme that defrauded Lowe's Home Improvement of more than \$450,000. Bobby Cherry, Michael Montgomery, and Russell Calvin will all have three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WICS-ABC (Springfield, IL): **Man sentenced to 96 months for attempted child enticement**, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Manteno, Ill., man was sentenced to 96 months in prison for attempted enticement of a minor and use of interstate facilities to attempt to transmit information about a minor. Joseph Longanecker, 42, was taken into the custody of the United States Marshals after the sentencing hearing on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): **Las Cruces man facing federal charges related to fatal January shooting**, Jordan Honeycutt, July 13, 2022, 9:19 PM

Rudy Garcia, 35, has been arraigned on a five-count indictment relating to a January 2022 shooting death. According to the indictment, Garcia allegedly shot and killed another man during a drug deal involving fentanyl. Garcia has been charged federally with conspiracy, distribution of fentanyl, using a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, discharging a firearm during a drug trafficking crime resulting in death, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTBC-Fox (Austin, TX): **Canyon Lake man found guilty of distribution of child pornography**, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 8:13 PM

A federal jury convicted a Canyon Lake man for distribution of child pornography. According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Seth Elred Perricone, 47, shared more than 115,000 files of child pornography over the Internet. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTLA-CW (Los Angeles, CA): **Orange County man admits to stalking prominent 'World of Warcraft' player**, Travis Schlepp, July 13, 2022, 7:49 PM

An Orange County man has admitted to stalking and harassing a professional video gamer player for several

years, according to the United States Department of Justice. Evan Baltierra, 29, of Trabuco Canyon, pleaded guilty to one count of stalking for the yearslong harassment campaign against a Canadian woman who is a prominent member of the “World of Warcraft” community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTBC-Fox (Austin, TX): Former Army soldier gets 2 years in prison for 2021 assault on law enforcement, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 7:05 PM

A former US Army soldier has been sentenced to 24 months in prison for assault on law enforcement officers stemming from an incident in February 2021. According to court paperwork, 29-year-old Ricardo Manuele Davila-DeJesus became intoxicated and got into an argument with several people inside the barracks at Fort Hood on Feb. 6, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KECI-NBC (Missoula, MT): Former Missoula resident guilty of child pornography crimes, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

A former Missoula resident was convicted of transporting, distributing and receiving child pornography using the internet and social media. Taurean Jerome Weber, 39, of Littleton, Colorado, was found guilty of eight counts. Weber faces a mandatory minimum of five to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and five years to life of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): Chiropractor charged with sexually assaulting 7 female patients while treating them at Irvine clinic, Darlene Powells, July 13, 2022, 6:49 PM

A chiropractor who has worked throughout Southern California and in Virginia was charged with sexually assaulting seven female patients while treating them at an Irvine clinic, the Orange County District Attorney announced Wednesday. Lincoln Esguerra Carillo, 60, was arrested in Virginia last week and brought back to Orange County Monday. He was charged with nearly two dozen felony and misdemeanor counts of sexual penetration, sexual battery, and touching an intimate part of another person. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KABC-ABC \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [KTLA-CW \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

WREG-CBS (Memphis, TN): Restaurant operators federally charged with conspiracy to harbor undocumented workers, Laura Schweizer, Brittney Baird, July 13, 2022, 6:20 PM

Multiple people were charged with conspiracy to harbor undocumented workers in an indictment that was unsealed on Wednesday by U.S. Attorney Mark Wildasin. The nine-count federal indictment alleges four people who own and operate various restaurants in Middle Tennessee participated in a scheme to harbor undocumented workers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KHSL-CBS/CW (Chico, CA): Butte County designated as Federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Brandon Downs, July 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

Butte County has been designated the newest county in the nation to be considered a Federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), according to White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director Dr. Rahul Gupta. Butte County District Attorney and Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) Board Chairperson Mike Ramsey said it will provide the county with new federal resources to “disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking locally and regionally.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Dealer accused of selling over 500 grams of cocaine, Vivian Muniz, July 13, 2022, 5:48 PM

Officials charge an accused dealer from Pittston with selling cocaine, and meth and using various guns. According to US Attorney Gerard M. Karam, the indictment alleges that Jon Donohue, 29, of Pittston possessed with the intent to distribute over 500 grams of cocaine and over 50 grams of methamphetamine in May in Luzerne County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMAR-ABC (Baltimore, MD): Baltimore Police officer faces federal charges for selling drugs and 'ghost

gun', Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 5:19 PM

Steven Umberto Angelini, 41, has been a member of BPD since May 2006 and today he was arrested. A criminal complaint has been filed on charges related to conspiracy to distribute cocaine and oxycodone in the Baltimore area. He was assigned to the Administrative Duties Division in 2022 and was suspended without pay today. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Former Ottawa County prosecutor pleads guilty after seeking sexual favors from defendants, Savannah Sinclair, July 13, 2022, 5:11 PM

Daniel Thomas Giraldi, a former Ottawa County Assistant District Attorney pleaded guilty in federal court. United States Attorney Clint Johnson said the plea came after providing drugs and performing favorable legal actions that benefitted defendants in exchange for sex. The 44-year-old of Joplin pleaded guilty to one count of possession of Oxycodone with intent to distribute and four counts of honest services fraud. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVL-CBS (Medford, OR): Drug dealing pilot from Josephine County sentenced for hiring assassin, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:47 PM

A pilot who distributed unlicensed cannabis using his private plane was sentenced to federal prison after being found guilty of hiring a hit man to kill a drug trafficking associate. 71-year-old John Tobe Larson was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison and five years' supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KDRV-ABC \(Medford, OR\)](#), [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KOB1-NBC \(Medford, OR\)](#)

WFOX-Fox (Jacksonville, FL): SAO: Nassau County man sentenced to prison after selling meth, firearm to undercover officers, Briana Ross-Williams, July 13, 2022, 4:37 PM

A Nassau County man is facing prison time after he unknowingly sold pure methamphetamine and a firearm to law enforcement, the State Attorney's Office says. According to court documents, Cecil Hickox, 46, sold 27 grams of meth to a law enforcement informant on Sept. 11, 2019. Then, on Sept. 12, he facilitated the sale of a firearm to an undercover officer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDIV-NBC (Detroit, MI): Taylor man who sexually exploited over 100 minors gets 25-year sentence, Elizabeth Washington, July 13, 2022, 4:31 PM

A 53-year-old Metro Detroit man was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison after exploiting over 100 minors for child pornography. The United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Michigan announced Wednesday that Kenneth Hartley, 53, of Taylor, has been sentenced to 25 years in prison on charges of sexual exploitation of children and possession of child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMAR-ABC (Baltimore, MD): Former Baltimore sergeant sentenced to prison for helping GTTF member plant evidence, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:26 PM

A former Baltimore Police sergeant was sentenced to nearly two years in prison for assisting a member of the Baltimore Police Gun Trace Task Force by planting evidence at the scene of an arrest. Keith Allen Gladstone, 53, from New Park, Pennsylvania, will be serving 21 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFLX-Fox (West Palm Beach, MS): Palm Beach dealer indicted in art fraud scheme, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:26 PM

A Palm Beach art dealer, whose gallery was raided by federal investigators last year, was indicted Wednesday in connection with a scheme to sell forged high-end artwork. Federal investigators revealed in May that Daniel Elie Bouaziz schemed to sell paintings and other artwork that he falsely marketed for sale as original or authentic pieces by prominent artists, including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Andy Warhol, Banksy and Roy Lichtenstein. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPTV-Fox (Portland, OR): Former Oregon dentist pleads guilty in federal drug case, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:47 PM

A former Clackamas dentist pleaded guilty Wednesday to illegally distributing controlled substances, including thousands of pills of prescription drugs, and anabolic steroids. Salwan Wesam Adjaj, 43, a resident of West Linn, Oregon, waived indictment and pleaded guilty to distributing and possessing with intent to distribute controlled substances, according to a release from the Oregon U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KATU-ABC \(Portland, OR\)](#)

WSAZ-NBC (Huntington, WV): Man pleads guilty to federal drug charges in southeast Ohio, Eric Fossell, July 13, 2022, 4:20 PM

A man from Gallia County pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal drug crime involving fentanyl, according to a release from U.S. Attorney Kenneth Parker's office. Michael D. Valentine, 39, of Bidwell, pled guilty to dealing and possessing hundreds of grams of deadly fentanyl on a rural property in southeastern Ohio. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCIA-CBS (Champaign, IL): Man sentenced after misrepresenting business to get COVID aid, Cassandra Smith, July 13, 2022, 3:56 PM

Officials said a Springfield man was sentenced to six months of home confinement after misrepresenting a business to get \$50,000 in COVID-related aid. In a news release, court officials stated 27-year-old Thalamus Alexander was sentenced on wire fraud and theft of government property. In addition to prison time, he will have to pay \$50,000 in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KHQA-CBS/ABC \(Hannibal, MO\)](#)

WAVY-NBC (Portsmouth, VA): Woman pleads guilty to COVID-19 loan fraud; Hampton couple involved, Jane Alvarez-Wertz, July 13, 2022, 3:03 PM

A Georgia woman pleaded guilty to COVID-19 loan fraud this week, in a case that also involved a couple from Hampton. Court documents state that 44-year-old Nikki Mitchum was part of a conspiracy to fraudulently get Economic Injury Disaster loans (EISL) and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. These loans were supposed to help small businesses pay for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WVEC-ABC \(Hampton, VA\)](#)

WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA): 14 indicted in drug-distribution conspiracy led by prison inmate, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

A newly unsealed federal indictment named 14 defendants in drug-distribution conspiracy coordinated from inside a Georgia prison. The indictment in Operation Pope's G.O.A.L., an Organized Crime Drug Trafficking Task Force investigation, alleges the drug trafficking conspiracy distributed methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl since as early as 2018 in at least seven south Georgia counties, said David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTAJ-CBS (Altoona, PA): Johnstown woman pled guilty to intending to sell crack, fentanyl, Alexis Loya, July 13, 2022, 1:34 PM

A woman from Johnstown pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of violating federal narcotics laws, U.S. Attorney Cindy K. Chung announced. Mary Lou Nelson, 59, of the 500 block of Vine Street in Johnstown, pled guilty to a lesser included offense at count one of the superseding indictment before Senior U.S. District Judge Kim R. Gibson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KHSL-CBS/CW (Chico, CA): Shasta County repeat offender sentenced 10 years on child porn charges, Brandon Owns, July 13, 2022, 1:00 PM

A Shasta County man was sentenced to 10 years in prison for knowingly possessing pictures of child pornography, according to the Department of Justice. 39-year-old William Richter, a repeat offender, was

sentenced on Tuesday and will be on supervised release for 20 years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCRG-ABC (Cedar Rapids, IA): Ft. Leonard Wood Army Sgt. indicted on child sex crimes, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

The United State's Attorney's Office in the Western District of Missouri said an active duty U.S. Army staff sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood has been indicted by a federal grand jury. 38-year-old Robert Chad Walkup, of Saint Robert, Missouri, is charged in the sexual exploitation of two minor victims and for receiving child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXMI-Fox (Grand Rapids, MI): Muskegon man arraigned on drug-trafficking charges, illegal firearms, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 11:30 AM

A Muskegon man has been arraigned on several drug-related charges. The U.S. Attorney's Office – Western District of Michigan says 32-year-old Saul Douglas Briggs is accused of intending to distribute controlled substances, illegally owning firearms, operating a drug house and conspiring to distribute a host of illegal drugs, including meth, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOOD-TV \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

WJTV-CBS (Jackson, MS): Former Florida deputy indicted for fraud, Aspen Popowski, July 13, 2022, 9:52 AM

A former Santa Rosa County deputy was indicted on fraud charges after he allegedly exploited an elderly person for \$10,000. A federal grand jury indicted Scott P. Haines, 49, on multiple counts of wire fraud and making false statements to federal agents, according to a news release from the U.S Department of Justice, Northern District of Florida. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Pharmacies Can't Discriminate on Reproductive Health Scripts, Tom Murphy, July 13, 2022, 5:17 PM

The Biden administration is warning pharmacies not to discriminate against women who may seek reproductive health prescriptions, including some that might be involved in ending a pregnancy. The Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday that pharmacies receiving federal money from programs such as Medicare and Medicaid cannot discriminate in how they supply medications or advise patients on prescriptions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: University of Washington Professor Sues School Over Alleged Free-Speech Violation, Melissa Korn, July 13, 2022, 3:40 PM

A University of Washington computer science professor is suing his school, claiming a violation of his First Amendment rights as he faces punishment for his take on a university statement that the campus is located on Native American land, the latest clash over speech rights for college faculty. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: New Mexico attorney general will review Albuquerque police actions that led to teen's death during raid, Safia Samee Ali, July 13, 2022, 5:10 PM

As community groups demand answers after a teen died of smoke inhalation during the course of a police raid, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas said Wednesday that his office will independently review the department's handling of the incident. [...] The Albuquerque Police Department is under a federal consent decree agreed upon in 2014 after the U.S. government determined it had a pattern of excessive force. Under the agreement, the department is required to report details of the investigations to the Department of Justice and its independent federal monitor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: Seattle man faces hate crime charge after he's accused of threatening Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Dareh Gregorian, Dareh Gregorian, July 13, 2022, 4:58 PM

A Seattle man faces a hate crime charge after he was accused of yelling racist threats outside the home of Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., while he was packing a handgun. Brett Allen Forsell, 48, was ordered held in lieu of \$500,000 bail after he was arrested in King County near Jayapal's home late Saturday. Prosecutors have said that probable cause was found for a hate crime and that they could make a charging decision as soon as Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Law Against Inducing Illegal Entry of Immigrants Is Overbroad, Bernie Pazanowski, July 13, 2022, 1:58 PM

The federal statute that makes it illegal to encourage or induce an immigrant to live in the US, knowing that it would be illegal, is overbroad and therefore violates the First Amendment, the Tenth Circuit said Wednesday. The indictments charging Jose Hernandez-Calvillo and Mauro Papatotzi for violating the law as part of a scheme to employ noncitizens in the drywall industry were therefore properly dismissed by the US District Court for the District of Kansas, the opinion by Judge Nancy L. Moritz said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBM-CBS (Chicago, IL): Former state inspector Jose Guillen faces federal charges, accused of lying about groping women business owners, Megan Hickey, July 13, 2022, 10:33 PM

A former State of Illinois inspector, who was fired after he was caught on camera groping the owner of a doggy daycare center, has been arrested on federal charges. CBS 2 Investigator Megan Hickey was the first to report last year that former Illinois Department of Agriculture inspector Jose Guillen was caught on camera, groping Leah Bindig during an inspection at Aeslin Pup Hub, her doggy daycare, boarding, and grooming business. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Tribune](#)

KCUR-NPR (Kansas City, MO): Federal court rules immigration law violates First Amendment, in a win for Kansas workers, Dan Margolies, July 13, 2022, 5:21 PM

A federal appeals court has found unconstitutional a statute making it a crime to encourage or induce a noncitizen to reside in the United States. In a 2-1 decision on Wednesday, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling finding the statute to be overbroad under the First Amendment. The appeals court decision, written by Judge Nancy Moritz, found that the statute "criminalizes a substantial amount of constitutionally protected speech, creating a real danger that the statute will chill First Amendment expression.". [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: NC pharmacy ordered to take steps to prevent drug abuse, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 9:19 PM

A federal court has issued an order prohibiting a North Carolina pharmacy and its two pharmacists from dispensing controlled substances without taking steps to help ensure the drugs will not be abused, the U.S. Justice Department said Wednesday. The consent decree resolves a complaint filed by the U.S. on July 7, alleging that Asheboro Drug Company and its pharmacists filled prescriptions in violation of the Controlled Substances Act, a department news release said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Arizona attorney general asks court to unblock abortion ban, Dareh Gregorian, Bob Christie, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

Arizona's Republican attorney general on Wednesday asked a court to lift an injunction blocking the enforcement of a law that bans all abortions except when the life of the mother is at risk. The filing from Attorney General Mark Brnovich asks a court in Tucson to lift an order in place since shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1973's Roe v. Wade case that abortions are a constitutional right. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Solera Pharmacy Settles Anti-Overdose Drug Fraud Allegations, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 1:40 PM

Florida-based Solera Specialty Pharmacy has agreed to pay a \$1.31 million civil settlement to resolve Medicare fraud claims regarding the Evzio drug, the Department of Justice said Wednesday. Solera allegedly completed and submitted prior authorization forms for Evzio, a high-priced drug used in rapid reversal of opioid overdoses, instead of the prescribing physicians, the DOJ said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Asylum wait lists at US border frustrate, confuse migrants, Elliot Spagat, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM
Opaque waiting lists at the Mexico border to gain a chance at obtaining asylum in the United States have persisted under President Joe Biden, leading many migrants to give up and cross illegally or languish for months in border towns. U.S. preparations in late April to end pandemic-related limits on asylum led to the latest round of registering names. In Tijuana, an online registry run by advocacy group Al Otro Lado soared to about 50,000. In Piedras Negras, a migrant services center's list ballooned to 2,000 before being halted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Diversity Quotas In \$1.2T Infrastructure Act Illegal, Suit Says, Hannah Albarazi, July 13, 2022, 10:18 PM

A white businessman sued the Biden administration in Florida federal court on Wednesday, claiming the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill signed into law in November discriminates against white men by unlawfully setting aside contracts for businesses owned by women and certain minorities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Biden Says 'Remain In Mexico' Ruling Moots Border Appeal, Caleb Symons, July 13, 2022, 7:32 PM

The Biden administration says last month's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in a case concerning the controversial "Remain in Mexico" immigration policy means that a Texas federal trial court can resume litigation challenging the administration's decision to slow construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds, CoreCivic Deny Detention Led To Migrant's Miscarriage, Nichole Rosenthal, July 13, 2022, 7:12 PM

The Biden administration and prison company CoreCivic urged a California federal judge to toss allegations that an asylum-seeker miscarried due to negligence and poor prison conditions, saying her pregnancy wasn't viable even before she entered the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Scoop: ICE is short \$345 million, poised to spend more than ever, Stef W. Kight, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will run out of money before October unless the Department of Homeland Security pulls millions of dollars from other programs, as the surge of migrants at the border drives up costs, three sources familiar with the details tell Axios. Why it matters: ICE is one of the most controversial government agencies and a target for progressives because of its role in arresting and detaining undocumented immigrants. But under President Biden, it's poised to spend more taxpayer funds than ever as it closes an estimated \$345 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

City News Service: Civil rights groups sue ICE in LA over release of documents, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 9:19 PM

Civil rights groups are suing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Los Angeles for allegedly wrongfully withholding documents linked to ICE's practice of releasing people from custody when their deaths are imminent, according to court papers obtained Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Migrant women accuse Georgia ICE nurse of sexual assault, Lautaro Grinspan, July 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

Four migrant women have gone public with allegations of sexual harassment at the Stewart Detention Center – the largest immigration jail in the state. Their accounts of assault center on the actions of a male nurse employed at the detention center, who they say insisted on viewing and groping private body parts without medical justification. Over the course of at least one examination, the nurse also rubbed his penis against one woman's hands, according to a letter describing the four women's allegations submitted to the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, or CRCL, on July 12. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tucson Sentinel: **ICE accused of 'dumping' sick detainees to avoid reporting deaths**, Paul Ingram, July 13, 2022, 1:57 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal complaint—a prelude to a lawsuit—against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement after the agency failed to release documents linked to what the ACLU called a practice of "dumping" sick people from custody when their deaths are imminent. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJLA-ABC (Washington, DC): **Over \$27K in 'unreported currency' seized from Ethiopia-bound family at Dulles airport**, Tolulope Ajayi, July 13, 2022, 11:00 AM

Washington Dulles International Airport Customs Border Protection officers seized \$27,330 from a family traveling to Ethiopia on Sunday after the family failed to report the accurate amount of currency they had, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The father of the family, an Ethiopian-born naturalized U.S. citizen, told officers he was traveling with about \$8,000, a press release said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Law360: **9th Circ. Won't Revive Suit Over FTC Robocall 'Soundboard'**, Lauren Berg, July 13, 2022, 6:28 PM

The Ninth Circuit refused to revive a call center operator's challenge to the Federal Trade Commission's interpretation of "soundboard" telemarketing technology, saying on Wednesday that the operator's complaint provided "virtually no information" about how they use or plan to use the technology in a way that conflicts with the agency's regulations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **DOJ's Army Swag Bid-Rigging Case Can Move Ahead**, Matthew Perlman, July 13, 2022, 5:10 PM

A Florida federal court has refused to toss antitrust charges against a man accused of rigging bids for customized promotional products sold to the U. S. Army after finding the indictment has enough specifics for the case to move ahead. U. S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew issued an order Tuesday denying a motion to dismiss the first count of the indictment against Lawrence O'Brien, who is accused along with two others of conspiring to rig bids for the promotional items over a five-year period starting in 2014. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: **DOJ Tactics Come Under Scrutiny After Chicken Price-Fixing Loss**, Dan Papsun, July 13, 2022, 12:44 PM

The Justice Department's defeat in its lawsuit against chicken-industry executives adds to a string of antitrust losses that casts a shadow on its scrutiny of the meat industry and broader enforcement goals. Five former and current executives from Pilgrim's Pride Corp. and Georgia-based Claxton Poultry Farms were found not guilty of price-fixing in the trial, which ended July 7 in the US District Court for the District of Colorado. Two previous trials brought by the DOJ's antitrust division in the same case ended with deadlocked juries. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

NPR: **Animal rescue groups across the U.S. band together to rescue 4,000 beagles**, Jaclyn Diaz, July 14, 2022, 5:30 AM

Several animal rescue organizations across the U.S. are racing against the clock to rehome approximately 4,000 beagles from a research facility in Virginia. The Humane Society of the United States is working with the U.S. Justice Department in spearheading the effort to transfer these dogs from their current home to shelters in a matter of weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [OPINION] The Supreme Court's EPA decision is a wake-up call. Congress must act now, Suzanne DiBianca, July 13, 2022, 11:00 AM

The US Supreme Court's ruling limiting the EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions is a wake-up call for Congress to pass urgent and meaningful legislation on climate and clean energy. The ruling not only impedes the federal government's ability to slow climate change — it also sets an alarming precedent that may inhibit other federal agencies from enacting critical climate policies to protect the lives and livelihoods of the American people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: How You Can Take in One of 4,000 Beagles Rescued in Virginia, Robyn White, July 14, 2022, 4:08 AM

Thousands of beagles are being rescued from a breeding facility in Virginia, where they were deprived of proper veterinary care and food. [...] The rescue operation, undertaken by the Humane Society of the United States, came following a lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice in May against the facility, which accused it of multiple Animal Welfare Act violations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ranch, Green Groups Say Lithium Mine Wrongly Approved, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, July 13, 2022, 10:23 PM

A Nevada ranch and conservation groups on Tuesday asked a federal judge to strike down the federal government's approval of an open-air lithium mining project, arguing there is no legal basis to allow waste dumps on public lands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 1st Circ. Keeps Seasonal Closures On Maine Lobster Fishing, Gina Kim, July 13, 2022, 4:30 PM

The First Circuit on Tuesday vacated a lower court order blocking the National Marine Fisheries Service from enforcing limits on lobster fishing off the coast of Maine during winter months to protect North Atlantic right whales, rejecting the fishers' argument that data showed no whale presence in the restricted area. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Two plead guilty to ivory, rhinoceros horn trafficking in Washington state, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 3:15 PM

Two men from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), pleaded guilty on Tuesday to conspiracy and Lacey Act charges related to trafficking wildlife from DRC to Seattle. Herdade Lokua, 34, and Jospin Mujangi, 32, admitted that beginning in November 2019, they agreed to smuggle elephant ivory, white rhinoceros horn and pangolin scales to the United States. Authorities said they worked with a middleman to negotiate sales and coordinate imports to Seattle. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHBL \(Sheboygan, WI\)](#)

TAX

AP: North Carolina Man Sent to Prison for \$2.5M Tax Fraud, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:16 PM

A North Carolina man is going to prison following his conviction stemming from a \$2.5 million tax fraud scheme based on the preparation and filing of false tax returns, according to federal prosecutors. Court documents and statements said Joseph Octave, 49, of Charlotte was the leader of a multi-year, multimillion-dollar tax fraud scheme involving hundreds of fraudulent tax returns, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Octave owned and operated a tax preparation business in Charlotte. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): **CNY donut shop owners sentenced to prison for hiding \$4.5 million in cash sales, feds say**, James McClendon, July 13, 2022, 5:49 PM

The owners of a popular Central New York donut shop were sentenced to prison Wednesday after they were convicted for concealing \$4.5 million in cash sales, federal prosecutors said. Rome residents John Zourdos, 69, his wife Helen Zourdos, 65, and their son Dimitrios Zourdos, were found guilty in November 2021 by a federal trial jury in Utica of conspiring to defraud the United States and for tax evasion, according to a news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Advocate (New Orleans, LA): **Accountant imprisoned 3½ years for taking \$1 million from New Orleans firefighters fund**, Missy Wilkinson, July 13, 2022, 3:56 PM

A Baton Rouge accountant who looted the New Orleans firefighters pension fund to cover his gambling, home improvement and living expenses was sentenced Tuesday to 41 months in prison, U.S. Attorney Duane Evans' office said. Wayne Triche, 72, pleaded guilty in March to charges of wire fraud and tax fraud. U.S. District Judge Greg Guidry sentenced Triche to 41 months in prison. He must also pay \$937,659 in restitution to the New Orleans Firefighters Pension and Relief Fund (NOFPRF) and \$329,895 to the Internal Revenue Service as part of the sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

LAT: **Campaign finance reform efforts in Anaheim deadlock again — and again**, Gabriel San Román, July 13, 2022, 9:13 PM

When Anaheim City Council debated campaign finance reform for a third meeting in a row, it proved to be anything but a charm. Election spending in Anaheim has come into sharper focus since an FBI probe into former Mayor Harry Sidhu and a self-described “cabal” of political operatives became public. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: **'Largest seizure in history': Mexican authorities recover \$230M worth of fentanyl after drug bust**, Celina Tebor, July 13, 2022, 8:00 PM

Mexican authorities announced it conducted a "historic" raid this month, seizing over half a ton of fentanyl in the state of Sinaloa on Thursday in the largest fentanyl drug bust in the country's history. The Ministry of National Defense announced last week that the Mexican military and national guard located the drugs in a warehouse in the northern city of Culiacán that was operated by “members of organized crime” on July 2. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **Dettelbach confirmed as ATF director, first to be confirmed by Senate in 7 years**, Ronn Blitzer, July 13, 2022, 11:08 PM

For the first time in seven years, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives has a Senate-confirmed director after Steve Dettelbach was approved on Tuesday. Dettelbach was narrowly confirmed, receiving 48 votes supporting him and 46 votes against. Two Republicans [sic] senators made the difference, as Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Rob Portman, R-Ohio, voted in his favor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#)

HuffPost: **FBI Arrests Baltimore Police Officer For Allegedly Selling Ghost Gun, Drugs**, Phillip Jackson, July 13, 2022, 7:38 PM

The FBI on Wednesday arrested a Baltimore police officer for allegedly selling drugs and a privately made gun in exchange for cash and narcotics, according to a media release from the Department of Justice. Steven Umberto Angelini, 41, is charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and oxycodone and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Angelini, who has worked in the department for 16 years, has been suspended without pay. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): **FBI arrests suspected bank robber with long criminal history,**

Jordan Honeycutt, July 14, 2022, 12:13 AM

Randall Becker, the man suspected in at least two bank robberies, is behind bars. Federal investigators say Randall Becker was the man seen on surveillance video last month carrying a gas can into the Bank of the West near MLK and Broadway. Ten days later, he is accused of holding up the First Financial Credit Union at Coors and Montano. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVIA-ABC/CW (El Paso, TX): El Paso Police, FBI make arrest in suspected bank robbery, Mark Ross, July 13, 2022, 10:03 PM

El Paso Police and the FBI make an arrest in a bank robbery that happened yesterday. The robbery happened at a branch of Chase Bank on the 5200 block of Wren in Northeast El Paso. According to police, 53-year-old Michael Lee Hornback was arrested at a motel on Dyer after an off-duty police officer noticed a man matching the bank robber's description. Hornback was arrested without incident and faces federal bank robbery charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WGHP-Fox (High Point, NC): Man in FBI hat robs Wells Fargo in Greensboro, Brayden Stamps, July 13, 2022, 7:28 PM

A Greensboro Wells Fargo was the victim of a robbery on Wednesday afternoon, according to the Greensboro Police Department. Officers responded to the Wells Fargo location on 3001 Randleman Road after getting reports of a bank robbery. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WGGB-ABC/Fox/MyNetworkTV (Springfield, MA): FBI, realtors warning people of new renter scams in Mass, Raegan Loughrey and Samantha O'Connor, July 13, 2022, 6:40 PM

The FBI is warning renters currently looking for houses that they have become the targets of recent scams, and Massachusetts has been hit the hardest. "Really, what they're doing is praying on folks that are trying to vacation or trying to move into a different house," said FBI Assistant Special Agent In Charge Mathew Giacobbi out of Boston. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): K-9 teams from around North America train with ATF in Arden Hills, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 5:03 PM

Some of the most highly trained explosive-detecting dogs from around North America are in the Twin Cities this week for training. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is certifying 30 teams in finding new kinds of explosives based on current threats. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KEZI-ABC (Eugene, OR): Armed and dangerous suspect arrested after jumping into river, Robert Desaulniers, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

A burglary suspect that was considered armed and dangerous has been arrested and put in jail, the Lane County Sheriff's Office said. The LCSO says that in the afternoon of July 12 they were tipped off that David Joseph Essary, 29, had been spotted at a campsite near a Forest Service road outside of Westfir. Authorities said an Oregon State Police trooper reported the camp and the U.S. Marshals Service confirmed that Essary was there. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTIV-NBC (Sioux City, IA): FBI seeks public's help in identifying 'Jane Doe 46' as part of child exploitation investigation, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 4:35 PM

The FBI is asking the public for information that could lead to the identification of a person known as "Jane Doe 46." The agency said in a release that it "is believed that this individual may have critical information pertaining to the identity of a child victim in a sexual exploitation investigation." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WALB-NBC/ABC (Albany, GA): ATF investigating Albany firearm thefts, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 2:40 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) is asking for information about a string of

stolen firearms in Albany — information that could lead to a \$10,000 reward. ATF officials said 79 unaccounted for firearms “pose a potential danger to our communities and quality of life.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA): ATF offers 10k reward after three gun shops burglarized in Albany, 79 firearms stolen, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) has announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person(s) responsible for a string of firearm thefts in Albany. The thefts occurred in the early morning hours on April 24, May 4, and July 6 at three gun shop locations in Albany. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Montgomery Advertiser: Federal judge denies Joe Nathan James Jr.'s requests for stay of execution on July 28, Evan Mealins, July 13, 2022, 5:47 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday denied Joe Nathan James Jr.'s requests for a stay of execution. Barring possible last-minute court intervention, James will die by lethal injection on July 28. James, 49, was sentenced to death for capital murder in the 1994 killing of his former girlfriend, Faith Hall. In June and early July, James filed several lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama against the state attorney general and numerous justice system officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Seattle Times (Seattle, WA): SeaTac detention center has most COVID infections among federally run prisons, Amanda Zhou, July 13, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Federal Detention Center in SeaTac has been hit with a wave of COVID-19 infections, as 189 people in custody have recently tested positive for the coronavirus, authorities say. The detention center has more active COVID cases than any other facility managed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which does not include private prisons and state prisons and jails. Federal correctional institutions in Texarkana, Texas, and Phoenix have 55 and 59 active cases, respectively, among people in custody. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSAT-ABC (San Antonio, TX): What's next for convicted murderer Ramiro Gonzales after execution delay?, Erica Hernandez, July 13, 2022, 7:28 PM

After a stay of execution was granted earlier this week, Ramiro Gonzales' case will now go back to a trial court in Medina County. Gonzales is on death row for the 2001 kidnapping, rape and murder of 18-year-old Bridget Townsend of Bandera County. A federal court judge last week ruled in favor of Gonzales' spiritual advisor putting a hand on his heart during execution. His attorneys also filed for a reprieve to allow him to donate a kidney. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFMJ-NBC/CW (Youngstown, OH): Motion filed for execution date of man who murdered Warren boy in 1985, Zach Mosca, July 13, 2022, 4:00 PM

Just one day after the Federal Public Defender's Office filed a motion to delay the execution for Danny Lee Hill, Trumbull County Prosecutor Dennis Watkins has filed a motion to set the date for Hill's execution. Hill was sentenced to death in 37 years ago after he murdered 12-year-old Raymond Fife. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: Teva takes \$235 mln 'skinny label' dispute with GSK to U.S. Supreme Court, Blake Brittain, July 13, 2022, 4:59 PM

Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn its \$235 million loss in a closely watched patent dispute with GlaxoSmithKline LLC, arguing in a petition made public Wednesday that the case

threatens an important protection for generic drugmakers. The case could be important for the future of so-called "skinny labels," which allow generic drugmakers to avoid patent claims if the generic's government-mandated drug label omits potentially infringing uses of the brand-name drug. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Forbes: [OPINION] The Supreme Court And The Demise Of The "Make America Great Again" Ambition, Frank Van Gansbeke, July 13, 2022, 11:00 PM

"...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..." The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence begins with words that are fundamental to the United States of America. It goes on to say that the role of government is to protect these rights. Yet three recent Supreme Court decisions will damage, not protect, the ability of citizens to live lives that realize the Declaration's ideal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] What can be done when the Supreme Court turns political?, William Becker, July 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court has occupied an exalted place in America. Its justices are the fellowship of the final word. They are expected to rise above politics to fulfill the promise of equal justice under the law. But in several recent rulings, the court has shown it is neither infallible nor apolitical. Its six conservative Justices clearly intend to shift the nation to the right, even to the point of reversing "settled law" and ignoring precedents set by their predecessors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

AP: Biden nominates two more judges for western Washington, Unattributed, July 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday made two more nominations for the federal bench in western Washington state: Seattle lawyers Jamal Whitehead and Kymberly Evanson. Whitehead is a civil litigator with the firm Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, where he focuses on workplace discrimination and unfair labor practices. He recently represented a class of immigration detainees at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma who successfully sued the private prison contractor The GEO Group for back pay, arguing that they should have been granted the minimum wage for cooking, cleaning and other tasks they performed [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden's six newest judicial nominees include Hispanic, LGBTQ firsts, Nate Raymond, July 13, 2022, 4:30 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday nominated six federal judges in Massachusetts, New York, Virginia and Washington, but the list once again did not include a Republican abortion opponent, who the White House recently planned to name to a judgeship in Kentucky. The latest batch of district court nominees included two who would be the first Hispanics to serve on the federal district courts in Massachusetts and northern New York and the first openly LGBTQ judge in Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Republicans finally offer blue slip for Biden court nominee, Rose Wagner, July 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Senate Judiciary Committee considered a slate of judicial nominees Wednesday, including a Seventh Circuit nominee who is the first of President Biden's circuit court picks to get approval from two Republican home-state senators. Doris Pryor would ascend to the Chicago-based federal appeals court from the Southern District of Indiana where she has been a federal magistrate judge since 2018. Indiana Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young have both backed Pryor's nomination, the first time this Congress that any Republican has given the seal of approval known as a blue slip to a nominee who would serve their district. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Cronkite News (Phoenix, AZ): Arizona nominee for federal judgeship grilled by GOP senators in

hearing, Morgan Fischer, July 13, 2022, 10:00 PM

Republican senators on Wednesday grilled Arizona attorney Roopali Desai, a nominee to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, over her history of working for progressive causes and her work fighting claims of 2020 election fraud. Many were like Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., who voiced concerns during the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing for Desai about her ability to be an impartial judge after her work in "an area of the law that really requires you to wear a jersey" for one side or the other. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Times Union (Albany, NY): **Biden picks Clifton Park litigator as region's next federal judge**, Robert Gavin, July 13, 2022, 5:00 PM

President Joseph Biden on Wednesday nominated an Albany-based litigator who currently works for Attorney General Letitia James to fill a pending vacancy in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of New York. Jorge Alberto Rodriguez, who has worked as an assistant attorney general since 2014, would if confirmed fill a spot on the bench made available by the retirement of U.S. District Judge David N. Hurd, who is based in Utica. Having reached the retirement age of 70, Hurd could remain on the bench as a senior judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: **Sioux Tribe Says SD County's Voting Plans Creating 'Chaos'**, Andrew Westney, July 13, 2022, 9:06 PM

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe pressed a South Dakota federal judge on Wednesday to require Lyman County officials to use a revised map of political districts for upcoming elections, saying that it's not too late to do so and that any difficulty sticking to the state's election schedule is the county's own fault. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **DOI Looks To Trim Navajo Nation Suit Over Hopi Trust Land**, Joyce Hanson, July 13, 2022, 7:42 PM

The U.S. Department of the Interior has asked an Arizona federal judge to trim a Navajo Nation suit claiming the tribe was not given enough opportunity to challenge the agency's decision to take land into trust for the nearby Hopi Tribe that affected rights to a Navajo casino road. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KUOW (Tumwater, WA): **Washington state and tribal sovereignty: What a recent SCOTUS ruling could mean for Indigenous peoples in the PNW**, Katie Campbell and Angela King, July 13, 2022, 3:29 PM

Many facets of tribal sovereignty in our country are now in limbo after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled states have the power to intervene in criminal cases involving non-Native people in Indian Country. That means state law enforcement agencies can prosecute crimes that have historically been handled by the tribes, which experts say will further complicate an already complex area of criminal law. But the implications go far beyond criminal justice on Native lands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Daily Beast: **Why the Hell Isn't Biden Ending the Federal War on Cannabis?**, Ben Burgis, July 13, 2022, 8:00 PM

Joe Biden and the Democrats are in deep trouble. The president's approval ratings are in the sewer and all signs continue to indicate that his party will be pulverized this fall. It's not surprising. Biden enjoyed public support at the beginning of his presidency when he was actually doing things for the public (like economic stimulus and child tax credits). All of that's a distant memory now. The president and his spokespeople barely even talk about the ambitious legislative proposals they introduced with so much fanfare in 2021. And gas and food keep getting more expensive. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Bipartisan Lawmakers File Marijuana Protection Amendments For Veterans And People In Public Housing, Kyle Jaeger, July 13, 2022, 2:30 PM

Congressional lawmakers have filed new marijuana amendments to a package of legislation to fund parts of the federal government for the next year, including a bipartisan proposal to block the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from preventing military veterans from using medical cannabis while allowing its doctors to fill out recommendations for patients who want to participate in state programs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Washington Examiner: Is America's immigration crisis causing the fentanyl epidemic?, Anna Giaritelli, July 13, 2022, 4:48 PM

More black market fentanyl is being seized from drug smugglers at the U.S.-Mexico border than ever before — an indication of just how much of the powerful powdery substance cartels are moving into the United States. Consequently, U.S. overdose deaths have skyrocketed — all while illegal migration at the southern border soars to the highest levels in U.S. history. Ahead of the midterm elections, Republicans have pointed to both border phenomena as being connected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden to sign joint pledge with Israel to prevent Iran going nuclear, Steve Holland, July 14, 2022, 4:47 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid will sign a joint pledge to deny Iran nuclear weapons on Thursday, closing ranks after long-running disputes between the allies over global diplomacy with Tehran. Biden, who is visiting Jerusalem, told Israeli TV on Wednesday he was open to "last resort" use of force against Iran - an apparent move toward accommodating Israel's calls on world powers to present a "credible military threat". [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: [PERSPECTIVE] Federal employees aren't happy. These agencies are especially troubled, Joe Davidson, July 13, 2022, 10:53 AM

The latest Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings, released on Wednesday, raise troubling issues for the Biden administration and those federal agencies whose reputations are falling fast. Across the government, the overall 4.5-point drop in employee engagement, an estimate of worker morale, is a disturbing indication that significant improvement is needed at agencies large and small. Almost two-thirds of the agencies saw their scores drop or stay flat — not a good sign. Employee engagement scores are the key element in the annual ratings produced by the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service and the Boston Consulting Group. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

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U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates aggressively -- trends that raise the risk of a recession. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [NBC](#)]

- Families of mass shooting victims gathered in Washington, D.C., to push for an assault weapons ban. Norah O'Donnell spoke with a father from Uvalde (TX), who warned that every town should be prepared for a similar tragedy and criticized the police response to the Robb Elementary School shooting. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NI](#)]
- President Biden arrived in Israel with the specter of a nuclear-armed Iran hanging over his first presidential trip to the region. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- As WNBA star Brittney Griner remains in Russian detention, Naama Issachar – whose story is eerily similar – is speaking out. In 2019, she had a layover in Moscow and was pulled from the boarding line. Russian authorities searched her backpack and found a third of an ounce of cannabis. She was held for 10 months in a Russian jail. [[NBC](#)]
- A suspect was charged with raping a 10-year-old girl in Ohio following a doctor's comments that the child had to travel to Indiana for an abortion after the Supreme Court's recent landmark ruling. [[ABC](#)]
- Dozens of people were unaccounted for in rural Virginia on Wednesday and more than 100,000 people in Virginia and Maryland were left without power on Tuesday night, after a powerful storm. [[ABC](#)]
- The House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack convened on Tuesday for its latest hearing to further examine former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss and ties his orbit had to far-right militia groups. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Twitter Suit Adds to Elon Musk's Tesla, SpaceX Challenges" [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Biden's Saudi Lesson: The Only Path Runs Through M.B.S." [[NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Democratic cities in Republican states seek ways around abortion bans" [[WaPo](#)]
- "In an embattled Ukrainian town, 'we were all ready to die'" [[LAT](#), [WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]

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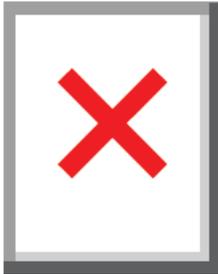
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DC PULSE

Tuesday, July 12, 2022



Seyfarth Adds Gov't Contracts Team From K&L Gates

By Rachel Rippetoe

Seyfarth Shaw LLP welcomed a new government contracts team in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, with three attorneys joining from K&L Gates LLP.

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Crowell Adds Ex-Squire Patton Energy Global Chair In DC

By Kevin Penton

Crowell & Moring LLP has added an energy attorney who previously served as global chair of Squire Patton Boggs' energy and natural resources practice as a partner in Washington, D.C., the firm announced Tuesday.

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Jenner & Block Adds Third FTC Veteran To Antitrust Practice

By Tracey Read

Jenner & Block on Tuesday announced it had hired another Federal Trade Commission veteran — the latest in a string of such recruits — to expand the firm's merger clearance, strategic counseling, compliance and litigation abilities.

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Q&A

Kelley Drye's Laurie Rubiner On Senate Work And Advocacy

By Adrian Cruz

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP announced last week that former attorney and Capitol Hill veteran Laurie Rubiner rejoined the firm after spending the past 30 years working for three U.S. senators and a variety of nonprofits.

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Laws Bar Protest Outside Judges' Homes, But Are They Valid?

By Jack Karp

Recent protests outside the homes of U.S. Supreme Court justices have led some legislators to push for stricter enforcement of existing laws and the passage of new laws banning such protests, but those laws may not be constitutional, experts

say.

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McKinsey Cybersecurity Director Rejoins Gibson Dunn In DC

By Matt Perez

A former Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP attorney rejoined the firm Monday as a partner and member of its international trade and privacy, cybersecurity and data innovation practice groups in Washington, D.C.

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Biden Picks 5 For 3rd Circ., Pa. Courts

By Jimmy Hoover

President Joe Biden on Tuesday announced five new judicial nominees for the Third Circuit and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, a batch that includes partners at BakerHostetler, Fox Rothschild and what would be the appeals court's first Asian American member.

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DC Superior Court Picks Questioned Over Case Backlogs

By Jack Rodgers

Members of a U.S. Senate committee pressed a trio of D.C. Superior Court nominees during a hearing Tuesday morning over how they would address a backlog of cases that have dammed up the district's trial courts since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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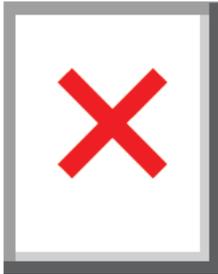
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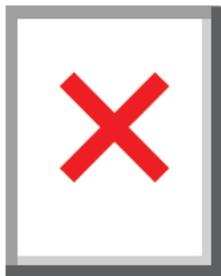
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JAN. 6

AP: Judge won't delay trial for Trump ex-adviser Steve Bannon, Nomaan Merchant, July 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal judge on Monday declined to delay the upcoming trial of Steve Bannon, a one-time adviser to former President Donald Trump who faces contempt of Congress charges after refusing for months to cooperate with the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. Bannon is still scheduled to go on trial next week despite telling the House committee late Saturday that he is now prepared to testify. It's unclear whether Bannon will again decline to appear before the committee with the trial pending. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [ABC](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Raskin Brings Expertise on Right-Wing Extremism to Jan. 6 Inquiry, Luke Broadwater, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

When Representative Jamie Raskin enters a Capitol Hill hearing room on Tuesday to lay out what the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack has uncovered about the role of domestic extremists in the riot, it will be his latest — and potentially most important — step in

a five-year effort to crush a dangerous movement. Long before the Jan. 6, 2021, assault, Mr. Raskin, Democrat of Maryland, had thrown himself into stamping out the rise of white nationalism and domestic extremism in America. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Hutchinson Testimony Jolts Justice Dept. to Discuss Trump's Conduct More Openly, Katie Benner and Glenn Thrush, July 11, 2022, 3:26 PM

For the past year and a half, the Justice Department has approached former President Donald J. Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election results with a follow-the-evidence strategy that to critics appeared to border on paralysis — and that limited discussions of his role, even inside the department. Then came Cassidy Hutchinson. The electrifying public testimony delivered last month to the House Jan. 6 panel by Ms. Hutchinson, a former White House aide who was witness to many key moments, jolted top Justice Department officials into discussing the topic of Mr. Trump more directly, at times in the presence of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. In conversations at the department the day after Ms. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

LAT: Connecting Trumpworld to extremist groups could be Jan. 6 committee's biggest moment, Sarah D. Wire, July 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The committee investigating the Capitol insurrection will focus for the first time this week on the relationship between people in former President Trump's orbit and the extremist groups that planned and orchestrated the violence on Jan. 6, 2021. The hearing could be one of the most consequential held by the panel, potentially answering the long unresolved question of whether Trump knew that far right extremist groups such as the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers would storm the Capitol, and whether the president was in contact through intermediaries with the groups' leaders, who have since been indicted for seditious conspiracy. Rep. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Committee Postpones Prime-Time Hearing Planned for Thursday, Billy House, July 11, 2022, 12:37 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the US Capitol by a mob of Donald Trump's supporters has decided to delay a hearing planned for prime time Thursday, a person familiar with the move said. The Thursday hearing was to explore the former president's actions and activities on Jan. 6 during the 187 minutes the committee it says it took between when the Capitol attack began and Trump tweeted for supporters to go home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

WaPo: [OPINION] Biden's trip to Saudi Arabia erodes our moral authority, Publisher Fred Ryan, July 11

Inexperienced politicians often learn the hard way about the difference between campaigning and governing, making bold statements on the trail that later require embarrassing reversals. But when it comes to international realpolitik, no recent candidate could have been better informed than Joe Biden. After decades on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and eight years as vice president, Biden campaigned in 2020 partly on his foreign-policy experience. When, seeking votes, Biden vowed to make Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman a "pariah" for his role in murdering Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi, the world had every reason to think he meant it. So why is President Biden now going to Jiddah on bended knee to shake the "pariah's" bloodstained hand? Once again, he is seeking votes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Secret Service says it's 'aware' of alleged Hunter Biden iCloud hack, Tom Winter and Dareh Gregorian, July 11, 2022, 5:45 PM

The Secret Service said Monday it's "aware" of a potential hack of an iCloud owned by Hunter Biden, the son of President Joe Biden, after some of its alleged contents were posted to the online forum 4Chan. "At this time we are not in a position to make public comments on potential investigative actions but I can assure you the Secret Service along with other federal law enforcement partners are aware of the social media posts and claims referencing Mr. Biden," U.S. Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Al Jazeera: US still seeks ex-Palestinian prisoner's extradition from Jordan,

Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

The United States has said ahead of President Joe Biden's visit to Israel and the occupied West Bank that it is still seeking the extradition from Jordan of a Palestinian woman convicted of aiding in a bomb attack in Jerusalem in 2001. The family of an Israeli-American girl killed in the attack has urged Biden to press Jordan, a close US ally, to send Ahlam al-Tamimi to the US for trial. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Indictment reveals new details of Chinese targeting of dissidents,

Bill Gertz, July 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

China's government used American private investigators to harass dissidents in the United States, according to a federal indictment of five people made public last week. The indictment identified five men who are charged with acting as foreign agents of China in a scheme to monitor and harass three dissidents who were not identified by name. Breon Peace, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, said the case involves "a multifaceted campaign to silence, harass, discredit and spy on U.S. residents for exercising their freedom of speech. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

WSJ Risk and Compliance: DOJ's Criminal Chief Places Prevention at Forefront of Agency's White-Collar Crime Efforts, Dylan Tokar, July 12, 2022, 5:30 AM

A key figure in the Justice Department's campaign to crack down on white-collar crime is looking to use a tool he brought to bear both as a prosecutor fighting gang violence in New Orleans and as a lawyer for the city's sole Fortune 500 company. Stopping crime before it happens should be a central goal of the more than 1,150 employees of the department's criminal division, said Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Polite, who took charge of it last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Ex-bank manager accused of stealing \$1M from customers, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 4:55 PM

A former southwestern Washington bank manager is accused of stealing more than \$1 million from vulnerable customers. The Columbian reports Brian Davie, 43, was arrested Friday in Yakima on charges of bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KATU-ABC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

CBS: "Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" star Jen Shah pleads guilty in wire fraud case, Caitlin O'Kane, July 11, 2022, 1:21 PM

Jennifer Shah, who stars on Bravo's "Real Housewives of Salt Lake City," pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with telemarketing. Shah, 48, now faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, according to the Department of Justice. Shah pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with telemarketing through which she victimized 10 or more persons over the age of 55. She also

agreed to forfeit \$6.5 million and to pay restitution up to \$9.5 million. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [KMSP-Fox \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#), [NBC](#)

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): **Cottonwood County farmer charged in \$46 million organic grain fraud scheme**, Christopher Vondracek, July 11, 2022, 4:50 PM

Federal prosecutors say a southwestern Minnesota farmer reaped up to \$46 million in payments selling conventionally-grown corn and soybeans that he told buyers was organic. Federal prosecutors say a southwestern Minnesota farmer reaped up to \$46 million in payments selling conventionally-grown corn and soybeans that he told buyers were organic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): **Man sentenced to prison for participation in multi-state drug ring**, Danielle Sandler, July 11, 2022, 7:47 PM

A Charleston man, Ricky Lee Taylor, who also goes by the alias "RT, 58 was sentenced to two years in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release today for his main role in a drug trafficking organization that was responsible for distributing large amounts of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other illegal drugs that were dealt in the Huntington area. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): **Florida foster parent convicted for nude recordings of children**, Nathaniel Rodriguez, July 11, 2022, 7:10 PM

A Florida man pleaded guilty to producing child pornography of children he had access to as a foster parent Monday, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg said Justin Dwayne Johnson Sr., 47, of Sanford pleaded guilty to five counts of producing and attempting to produce videos depicting children being sexually exploited and one count of possessing child sexual abuse materials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): **Man who torched police cruiser in Providence riot to be sentenced Thursday**, Tim White, July 11, 2022, 5:08 PM

Federal prosecutors are asking a judge to sentence a Cranston man who admitted to setting a Providence police cruiser on fire to more than three-and-a-half years in prison. Nicholas Scaglione, 32, is set to be sentenced Thursday for his role in the arson that took place during the June 2020 riot in Providence. The unrest was sparked in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by then-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: **3 ex-Hawaii prison guards convicted of assaulting inmate**, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

Three former Hawaii prison guards were found guilty of civil rights violations for assaulting an inmate and trying to cover it up, the U.S. Department of Justice said Monday. A U.S. judge ordered Jason Tagaloa, Craig Pinkney and Jonathan Taum into custody after a jury convicted them last week, the department said. A fourth former correctional officer, Jordan DeMattos, previously pleaded guilty for his role in the 2015 assault and cover-up, and testified for the government at the three-week trial, federal prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#), [KHON-Fox/CW- \(Honolulu, HI\)](#), [KITV-ABC \(Honolulu, HI\)](#)

AP: **Another US appeals court upholds right to record police**, Colleen Slevin, July 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

People have a right protected by the First Amendment to film police while they work, a Western U.S. appeals court ruled Monday in a decision that concurs with decisions made by

six of the nation's other 12 appeals court. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver ruling came in the case of a YouTube journalist and blogger who claimed that a suburban Denver officer blocked him from recording a 2019 traffic stop. Citing decisions from the other courts over about two decades as well as First Amendment principles, the 10th Circuit said the right to record police was clearly established at the time and reinstated the lawsuit of the blogger, Abade Irizarry. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Denver Post](#)

Law360: **Texas Presses Court To Nix Federal Gender Identity Guidance**, Anne Cullen, July 11, 2022, 6:31 PM

Texas state officials have called on a federal court to wipe out guidance from federal agencies on gender- and sexuality-based workplace discrimination and gender-affirming care, arguing that the government is stretching the U. S. Supreme Court's watershed Bostock ruling too far. The Lone Star State fired off a summary judgment bid Friday in its legal challenge to documents published by the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services that interpreted the U. S. Supreme Court's 2020 ruling in Bostock v. Clayton County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: **Federal judge blocks Arizona's 'personhood' abortion law**, Bob Christie, July 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal judge in Phoenix on Monday blocked a 2021 state "personhood" law that gives all legal rights to unborn children and that abortion rights groups said put providers at risk of prosecution for a variety of crimes. U.S. District Judge Douglas Rayes said in his written ruling that the groups that sued to block the law are right — it is "anyone's guess," as the state acknowledged, what criminal laws abortion providers may be breaking if they perform otherwise-legal abortions. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Reuters: **Subway can be sued over its tuna, U.S. judge rules**, Jonathan Stempel, July 11, 2022, 7:17 PM

A federal judge said Subway can be sued for allegedly deceiving customers about its tuna products, including a claim it uses other fish species, chicken, pork and cattle instead of the advertised "100% tuna." U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco called it premature to accept Subway's argument that any presence of non-tuna DNA might result from eggs in mayonnaise, or cross-contact with other ingredients that its restaurants' employees handle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: **Presidents of U.S., Mexico to meet after summit tensions**, Ted Hesson and Alexandra Alper, July 12, 2022, 4:26 AM

Mexico's leader will visit the White House on Tuesday, a month after snubbing an invitation to a U.S.-hosted summit that sought to craft regional consensus on how to stem migrant border crossings that are piling pressure on the Biden administration. Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador skipped the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles to protest Biden's decision to exclude the leftist governments of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [UPI](#)

AP: **US extends legal protection for Venezuelans for 18 months**, Julie Watson, July 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans who fled their country's humanitarian crisis and are in the United States under temporary legal protection will be allowed to remain for another 18

months, the Biden administration announced Monday. But advocates expressed disappointment that the government has left another 250,000 Venezuelans who made it to the United States at risk of being sent back. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#)

AP: Gov. Cooper vetoes 4 bills, 1 directing sheriffs to aid ICE, Gary D. Robertson, July 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed legislation Monday for the second time in four years that would demand North Carolina sheriffs learn the immigration status of their jails' inmates and make an effort to hold those whom federal agents want to pick up. The Democratic governor vetoed a similar Republican measure in 2019, which came on the heels of newly elected sheriffs in several urban counties deciding against working closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents who are seeking suspects they believe are in the country unlawfully. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Lawsuit over covid outbreak at Farmville immigrant detention center settled, Antonio Olivo, July 11, 2022, 2:29 PM

An immigrant detention center in Virginia's Farmville community that saw more than 300 inmates infected by the coronavirus in 2020, one of whom died, will be limited to a quarter of its capacity under a federal court settlement. Under the terms of the settlement last week between detainees who sued the site's operator, Immigration Centers of America, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, no more than 180 detainees will be allowed inside the facility at a time, with empty dormitory halls spaced between those that are occupied with no more than 30 people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Biden's DHS pushes to build technology part of Trump's border wall, Stephen Dinan, July 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

The Homeland Security Department said Monday it will push to finish the technology that was supposed to be part of President Trump's border wall, and use other remaining money to fix issues the Biden administration says have emerged from previous construction. Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said the department has found "significant" problems with the more than 450 miles of wall built under former President Trump. The problems include "life, safety and environmental hazards," the department said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Law360: DOJ Accused Of 'Overzealous' Contract Merger Challenge, Bryan Koenig, July 11, 2022, 9:24 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice asked a Maryland federal judge to preliminarily undo the underlying merger agreement through which Booz Allen Hamilton is trying to acquire government technologies contractor EverWatch Corp., only to be accused by the companies of flouting court document safeguards and misrepresenting their intentions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Companies want DOJ's Apple investigation to pick up pace, Margaret Harding McGill, July 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Justice Department's Apple investigation is taking too long, allowing harm to competitors and consumers to continue, several companies say. Why it matters: Big Tech's dual D.C. threats are antitrust lawsuits and bills that would rewrite the rules for how they operate, but Apple has yet to feel the full brunt of either. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Reuters: **U.S. tax committees to question IRS chief over audits of ex-FBI officials,**

David Lawder, July 11, 2022, 7:19 PM

U.S. tax commissioner Charles Rettig will face questions from legislators over how two former FBI officials vilified by former President Donald Trump were targeted for intensive tax audits, lawmakers and the Internal Revenue Service said on Monday. The Senate Finance Committee will hold a closed-door hearing on July 26 into the circumstances of tax audits for former FBI director James Comey and FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe, said Senator Ron Wyden, the panel's chairman, in an emailed statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Tax](#)

SUPREME COURT

Washington Examiner: **Pressure grows on DOJ to stop Supreme Court justice**

'bounties' and harassment, Kaelan Deese, July 11, 2022, 2:52 PM

A group offering bounty payments for sightings of conservative Supreme Court justices is the latest harassment campaign prompting Republican lawmakers to call for immediate action by the Justice Department. Piling on top of recent protests outside the homes of Supreme Court justices, the activist group known as ShutDownDC tweeted July 8 that it would offer to pay bounties of up to \$200 for anyone who reports the whereabouts of Justices Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas, and Chief Justice John Roberts, part of a pressure campaign against the court's members who voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade* last month. [[Washington Examiner](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: **Texas murder suspect Kaitlin Armstrong escapes charge for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution,** Michael Ruiz, July 11, 2022, 7:05 PM

A federal judge has dismissed a charge against Texas murder suspect Kaitlin Armstrong, who is being held in Travis County in connection with the shooting death of pro cyclist Anna Moriah "Mo" Wilson. But it's just a formality, and she could face the charge again in the future if prosecutors deem it necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: **Mexican cartel smugglers nabbed with \$1.2M worth of meth in NYC — then released thanks to lax bail laws: feds,** Larry Celona and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, July 11, 2022, 4:49 PM

A pair of suspected Mexican drug-cartel smugglers was busted with a \$1.2 million stash of crystal meth — but had to be freed thanks to New York's lax bail laws, authorities said Monday. The two California men, Luis Estrada and Carlos Santos, were allegedly caught red-handed by the US Drug Enforcement Administration as part of a multi-agency investigation. Yet frustrated agents had to stand by and watch as the suspects were cut loose on just supervised release, the federal agency said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WREG-CBS (Memphis, TN): **Marshals capture fugitive during operation in Whitehaven,** Jessica Gertler, July 11, 2022, 11:25 PM

Dozens have been arrested for the most violent crimes in the Mid-South, and WREG got an exclusive look at how the U.S. Marshals Service tracked down some of those fugitives during a special operation. "We launched Operation North Star, which is a department of justice initiative to reduce violent crime by apprehending dangerous fugitives," said Tyreece Miller, the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee. "Memphis was selected as one of 10 cities where this initiative is happening." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): **AG Healey backs ATF rule on ghost guns**, Matt Murphy, July 11, 2022, 10:38 PM

With a Texas gun parts manufacturer challenging the Biden administration's new rule regulating "ghost guns," Attorney General Maura Healey joined a coalition of 20 top state prosecutors in supporting the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to regulate the sale of the currently untraceable guns. Healey signed on to a brief filed last week in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas supporting the final rule issued by the ATF in April that would give law enforcement the ability to trace "ghost guns" and prevent unqualified individuals from purchasing parts to make their own weapons. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NYT: **Justice Department Taps Oregon Official to Run Troubled Bureau of Prisons**, Glenn Thrush, July 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

Colette S. Peters, the longtime director of the Oregon Department of Corrections, has been tapped to lead the chronically mismanaged and understaffed federal Bureau of Prisons, according to two people familiar with the decision. The Justice Department, which oversees the bureau, is expected to announce her appointment this week, perhaps as early as Tuesday. The bureau, a sprawling network of 122 facilities with an annual budget of around \$10 billion, houses about 158,000 inmates. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: **Biden pushes to ban assault weapons, gets heckled at gun violence event**, Jeff Mason, July 11, 2022, 6:26 PM

A man whose son was killed in the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, interrupted President Joe Biden's remarks at the White House on Monday during an event to herald the passage of the first major federal gun safety law in three decades. Manuel Oliver, whose son Joaquin was murdered in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre, shouted "we've already gone through this for years and years" at the event, during which Biden lauded the new law but said more needed to be done. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Reuters: **Judge orders Lindsey Graham to testify before grand jury in Trump election probe**, Kanishka Singh, July 11, 2022, 3:42 PM

A judge ordered U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham to testify in front of a special grand jury in Georgia investigating former President Donald Trump's alleged attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney ordered that Graham will be required to testify on Aug. 2. The judge's certification filed on Monday described Graham as a "necessary and material witness" to the grand jury probe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: **'It wouldn't be my choice for judge': Senate Democrats slam Biden's planned anti-abortion pick**, Joey Garrison, Dylan Wells, Joe Sonka and Andrew Wolfson, July 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Several Senate Democrats said they would vote against the confirmation of a conservative, anti-abortion federal judge nominee if President Joe Biden follows through with a purported deal with Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. The strong reaction from Democrats on Biden's planned nomination of attorney Chad Meredith in Kentucky raised the prospects of the president's own party blocking the pick should he move forward. [[Continue](#)

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NY Post: AG Merrick Garland shows ‘little urgency’ in protecting SCOTUS justices:

Ted Cruz, Mark Moore, July 11, 2022, 4:34 PM

Sen. Ted Cruz has asked for Attorney General Merrick Garland to come to Capitol Hill and explain why the Justice Department isn't enforcing a federal law banning protests outside the homes of Supreme Court justices. In a July 7 letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Cruz wrote that Garland “has shown little urgency to protect Supreme Court Justices despite calls from the Supreme Court Marshal and multiple governors to do so.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 11, 2022

- Victims of gun violence joined President Biden at the White House to celebrate the passage of the nation's first major gun legislation in nearly three decades. But in Texas, there's growing frustration over the investigation into the Uvalde school shooting. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The Jan. 6th committee will hold another public hearing tomorrow, focusing on the “mobilization of the mob” in the days leading up to the attack. Members of the committee say it will connect the dots between far-right groups and then-President Trump. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Russian forces are intensifying their attacks on many fronts in Ukraine, including strikes on three civilian apartment buildings that killed 30 people. Multiple missile attacks also killed at least six people, but they're not the only threats that civilians are facing. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Thousands of protesters stormed the presidential residence in Sri Lanka over their country's shortages of fuel, food and medicine. Now, the President and Prime Minister have both promised to leave office, following days of demonstrations. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Health officials warn that the BA.5 subvariant could be the most transmissible omicron variant yet. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Just weeks after the reversal of Roe v. Wade, a French company is asking the FDA to approve an over-the-counter version of the birth control pill. In the Supreme Court's ruling, they said the right to contraception would not be affected. [\[NBC\]](#)

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- No scheduled events.

CONGRESS

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: A Post-Roe America: The Legal Consequences of the Dobbs Decision.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WSJ: DOJ's Criminal Chief Places Prevention at Forefront of Agency's White-Collar Crime Efforts, Dylan Tokar , July 12, 2022, 5:30 AM

A key figure in the Justice Department's campaign to crack down on white-collar crime is looking to use a tool he brought to bear both as a prosecutor fighting gang violence in New Orleans and as a lawyer for the city's sole Fortune 500 company. Stopping crime before it happens should be a central goal of the more than 1,150 employees of the department's criminal division, said Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Polite, who took charge of it last year.

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NY Post: AG Merrick Garland shows 'little urgency' in protecting SCOTUS justices: Ted Cruz, Mark Moore, July 11, 2022, 4:34 PM

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Washington Examiner: Pressure grows on DOJ to stop Supreme Court justice 'bounties' and harassment, Kaelan Deese, July 11, 2022, 2:52 PM

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NATIONAL SECURITY

NBC: Secret Service says it's 'aware' of alleged Hunter Biden iCloud hack, Tom Winter and Dareh Gregorian, July 11, 2022, 5:45 PM

The Secret Service said Monday it's "aware" of a potential hack of an iCloud owned by Hunter Biden, the son of President Joe Biden, after some of its alleged contents were posted to the online forum 4Chan. "At this time we are not in a position to make public comments on potential investigative actions but I can assure you the Secret Service along with other federal law enforcement partners are aware of the social media posts and claims referencing Mr. Biden," U.S. Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Al Jazeera: US still seeks ex-Palestinian prisoner's extradition from Jordan, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

The United States has said ahead of President Joe Biden's visit to Israel and the occupied West Bank that it is still seeking the extradition from Jordan of a Palestinian woman convicted of aiding in a bomb attack in Jerusalem in 2001. The family of an Israeli-American girl killed in the attack has urged Biden to press Jordan, a close US ally, to send Ahlam al-Tamimi to the US for trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Indictment reveals new details of Chinese targeting of dissidents, Bill Gertz, July 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

China's government used American private investigators to harass dissidents in the United States, according to a federal indictment of five people made public last week. The indictment identified five men who are charged with acting as foreign agents of China in a scheme to monitor and harass three dissidents who were not identified by name. Breon Peace, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, said the case involves "a multifaceted campaign to silence, harass, discredit and spy on U.S. residents for exercising their freedom of speech. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New York Law Journal: FBI Warns of New Cyber Threat To Clients, Peter Brown, July 11, 2022, 11:45 AM

While the Internet offers a convenient means of communication, it also exposes every individual and business organization to an alarming variety of potential criminal activity. The confidential data and financial security of every substantial business, private organization, and government entity is under a persistent and relentless attack by cyber criminals searching for vulnerabilities in their most essential business systems. These criminals use sophisticated tools to find technical flaws in an organization's computer system. They also test every employee with access to a computer with ingenious deceptions seeking passwords or other entry points to business computer systems. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WESH-NBC (Orlando, FL): DOJ: Central Florida men among those who knew explosives were in D.C.-bound vehicle, Anika Hope, July 11, 2022, 8:24 PM

Explosives. A "death list." And recipes to make bombs. That's just some of the evidence the Department of Justice argued they deserve to bring to trial against 9 people prosecutors say are members of the Oath Keepers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTAE-ABC (Pittsburgh, PA): FBI Pittsburgh spotlights cyber crime dangers, Bob Mayo, July 11, 2022, 7:50 PM

The FBI in Pittsburgh is spotlighting concerns about cyber crimes. "In the past few years, we've seen a massive

surge in cyber threats. Director (Christopher) Wray recently drew parallels between the current cyber threat environment and 9/11. Cyber threats are more pervasive. They hit a wider range of victims and they have the potential for greater devastation and impact than ever before," said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent In Charge Mike Nordwall.

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WPXI-NBC (Pittsburgh, PA): FBI: Cybercrimes on the rise with amount of victims in Pittsburgh region, Nicole Ford, July 11, 2022, 4:28 PM

You've seen it on your social media pages or a friend at work said, "I got hacked." Cybercrimes are on the rise with the amount of victims in our region nearly doubling from 2019 to 2021. "One of the biggest threats we see to western Pennsylvania is ransomware and that tracks nationally," said Supervisory Special Agent Jonathan Holmes with the FBI Pittsburgh Cyber Criminal Squad. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

AP: Jan. 6 panel probes Trump's 'siren call' to extremists, Lisa Mascaró, July 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

The Jan. 6 committee is preparing to highlight the way violent far-right extremists answered Donald Trump's "siren call" to come to Washington for a big rally, as some now facing rare sedition charges over the deadly U.S. Capitol attack to overturn the presidential election. The panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol siege is set to convene Tuesday for a public hearing probing what it calls the final phase of Trump's multi-pronged effort to halt Joe Biden's victory. As dozens of lawsuits and false claims of voter fraud fizzled, Trump tweeted the rally invitation, a pivotal moment, the committee said. The far-right Proud Boys, Oath Keepers and others now facing criminal charges readily answered. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [USA Today](#), [WVIT-NBC \(New Britain, CT\)](#)

AP: Judge won't delay trial for Trump ex-adviser Steve Bannon, Nomaan Merchant, July 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal judge on Monday declined to delay the upcoming trial of Steve Bannon, a one-time adviser to former President Donald Trump who faces contempt of Congress charges after refusing for months to cooperate with the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. Bannon is still scheduled to go on trial next week despite telling the House committee late Saturday that he is now prepared to testify. It's unclear whether Bannon will again decline to appear before the committee with the trial pending. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: Jan. 6 hearing expected to focus on link between militants, White House, Jacqueline Alemany and Hannah Allam, July 11, 2022, 7:44 PM

The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection plans to hold its seventh public hearing on Tuesday, with an expected focus on the ways in which former president Donald Trump and his allies summoned far-right militant groups to Washington as he grew increasingly desperate to hold on to power. The hearing is likely to drill down on the period after states cast their electoral college votes on Dec. 14, 2020, action that confirmed Joe Biden's victory. Trump, the committee is expected to argue, then shifted his focus to using the date of the congressional counting of the votes, Jan. 6, 2021, to block a peaceful transfer of power. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Raskin Brings Expertise on Right-Wing Extremism to Jan. 6 Inquiry, Luke Broadwater, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

When Representative Jamie Raskin enters a Capitol Hill hearing room on Tuesday to lay out what the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack has uncovered about the role of domestic extremists in the riot, it will be his latest — and potentially most important — step in a five-year effort to crush a dangerous movement. Long before the Jan. 6, 2021, assault, Mr. Raskin, Democrat of Maryland, had thrown himself into stamping out the rise of white nationalism and domestic extremism in America. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Hutchinson Testimony Jolts Justice Dept. to Discuss Trump's Conduct More Openly, Katie Benner and Glenn Thrush, July 11, 2022, 3:26 PM

For the past year and a half, the Justice Department has approached former President Donald J. Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election results with a follow-the-evidence strategy that to critics appeared to border on paralysis — and that limited discussions of his role, even inside the department. Then came Cassidy Hutchinson. The electrifying public testimony delivered last month to the House Jan. 6 panel by Ms. Hutchinson, a former White House aide who was witness to many key moments, jolted top Justice Department officials into discussing the topic of Mr. Trump more directly, at times in the presence of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. In conversations at the department the day after Ms. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

LAT: Connecting Trumpworld to extremist groups could be Jan. 6 committee's biggest moment, Sarah D. Wire, July 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The committee investigating the Capitol insurrection will focus for the first time this week on the relationship between people in former President Trump's orbit and the extremist groups that planned and orchestrated the violence on Jan. 6, 2021. The hearing could be one of the most consequential held by the panel, potentially answering the long unresolved question of whether Trump knew that far right extremist groups such as the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers would storm the Capitol, and whether the president was in contact through intermediaries with the groups' leaders, who have since been indicted for seditious conspiracy. Rep. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#)

Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Committee Postpones Prime-Time Hearing Planned for Thursday, Billy House, July 11, 2022, 12:37 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the US Capitol by a mob of Donald Trump's supporters has decided to delay a hearing planned for prime time Thursday, a person familiar with the move said. The Thursday hearing was to explore the former president's actions and activities on Jan. 6 during the 187 minutes the committee it says it took between when the Capitol attack began and Trump tweeted for supporters to go home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: A Jan. 6 defendant who's expected to testify before the House panel posted Trump's 'will be wild' tweet, Ryan J. Reilly and Kristen Welker, July 11, 2022, 8:21 PM

A Donald Trump supporter who posted the former president's tweet encouraging supporters to go to Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, before he stormed the U.S. Capitol is expected to testify Tuesday before the committee investigating the insurrection, a source familiar with the matter said. Stephen Ayres of Ohio pleaded guilty last month to disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 13. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#)

MSNBC: Bannon's offered Jan. 6 testimony is designed to provide chaos, not clarity, Hayes Brown, July 11, 2022, 6:09 PM

I think it's safe to say that Steve Bannon thinks of himself as a very clever person. The former White House adviser and Breitbart executive chairman has been throwing bombs and dodging consequences fairly successfully for years now. So how, then, to respond to Bannon's offer over the weekend to finally testify before the House Jan. 6 committee after refusing to cooperate? Answer: with a grain of salt big enough to coat a lifetime supply of pretzels, my friends. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: Trump never invoked executive privilege over Bannon's Jan. 6 testimony, his attorney tells investigators, Alexander Mallin and Katherine Faulders, July 11, 2022, 8:44 PM

The Justice Department revealed in an early Monday morning court filing that federal investigators interviewed former President Donald Trump's attorney Justin Clark two weeks ago in connection with former Trump adviser Steve Bannon's criminal contempt case. Prosecutors say that Clark confirmed in the interview that at no point did Trump ever invoke executive privilege over Bannon's testimony — and directly contradicted other claims made by Bannon's defense team in their case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsweek](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

The Hill: The Memo: Jan. 6 panel looks to build on big Hutchinson moment, Nial Stanage, July 12, 2022, 5:25 AM

The congressional investigation into Jan. 6 returns for its seventh public hearing on Tuesday, two weeks to the day since former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson stunned Washington with bombshell testimony. The panel will be hoping to build on the details Hutchinson provided. The forthcoming hearing will apparently be focused on the role played by the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers and other extremist groups around the Capitol insurrection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Ex-bank manager accused of stealing \$1M from customers, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 4:55 PM

A former southwestern Washington bank manager is accused of stealing more than \$1 million from vulnerable customers. The Columbian reports Brian Davie, 43, was arrested Friday in Yakima on charges of bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KATU-ABC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

CBS: "Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" star Jen Shah pleads guilty in wire fraud case, Caitlin O'Kane, July 11, 2022, 1:21 PM

Jennifer Shah, who stars on Bravo's "Real Housewives of Salt Lake City," pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with telemarketing. Shah, 48, now faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, according to the Department of Justice. Shah pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with telemarketing through which she victimized 10 or more persons over the age of 55. She also agreed to forfeit \$6.5 million and to pay restitution up to \$9.5 million. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [KMSP-Fox \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#), [NBC](#)

Baltimore Sun: Baltimore man gets 12 years in federal prison for armed robberies in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, Lilly Price, July 11, 2022, 9:38 PM

A federal judge sentenced a Baltimore man Monday to 12 years in federal prison with five years of supervised probation for a series of armed robberies in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County from 2018 to 2019. Marquis Moore, 35, pleaded guilty to participating in at least 10 armed robberies, nine of which were conducted with two co-defendants, Milek Rankin, 29 and Dontrell Glover, 30, both of whom are from Baltimore. The men used handguns to rob fast-food restaurants, video game stores, cellphone stores and discount stores in the region. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Jersey Advance Media: Man sentenced for making phony massage therapy certificates for prostitution businesses, y Chris Sheldon, July 11, 2022, 8:10 PM

A man was sentenced Monday to two years and nine months in prison for making and selling fake massage therapy training certificates so they could be used in several New Jersey massages parlors that engaged in prostitution, federal prosecutors said. Naresh Rane, 68, of Tewksbury, previously pleaded guilty to knowingly and intentionally using and causing use of facilities in interstate commerce or to promote, manage, establish, carry on, and facilitate the business of prostitution, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Wyoming Tribune Eagle (Laramie County, WY): Ex-business head gets 30 months for wire fraud, employee endangerment, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge has sentenced a former Cheyenne business owner to prison following his conviction on wire fraud and on knowing-endangerment charges. In an April trial in the U.S. District Court of Wyoming, a jury found 47-year-old John Eldon Rimmasch, as well as his now-defunct company, Wasatch Railroad Contractors, guilty of five counts of wire fraud and one count of knowing endangerment. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGAB-AM \(Orchard Valley, WY\)](#)

Breaking AC (Atlantic City, NJ): Ex-Ventnor man admits fleeing federal custody, defrauding women, Lynda Cohen, July 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An Atlantic County man admitted to escaping federal custody and scheming to defraud women over telephone dating services. Patrick Giblin, 57, escaped July 23, 2020, after serving nearly three years of a five-year plea deal in a case

in which he was charged with scamming anywhere from \$15,000 to \$40,000 from 10 women. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Man sentenced to prison as part of federal drug sting in Muskegon that nabbed six others, Lynn Moore, July 11, 2022, 6:31 PM

A Muskegon man sentenced to 20 years for drug trafficking and firearms offenses is the latest among several who were nabbed as part of a targeted federal investigation. Delando Johnson of Muskegon was among seven individuals convicted of drug trafficking in the Muskegon area. Johnson, known as "Fox," was sentenced to 15 years for drug trafficking and a 5-year consecutive sentence for possessing a firearm to further the drug sales. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): Cottonwood County farmer charged in \$46 million organic grain fraud scheme, Christopher Vondracek, July 11, 2022, 4:50 PM

A flame cultivator at work on an organic grain farm in Minnesota. Federal prosecutors say a southwestern Minnesota farmer reaped up to \$46 million in payments selling conventionally-grown corn and soybeans that he told buyers was organic. Federal prosecutors say a southwestern Minnesota farmer reaped up to \$46 million in payments selling conventionally-grown corn and soybeans that he told buyers were organic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Press of Atlantic City: Millville man sentenced for meth distribution, Eric Conklin, July 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Millville man will spend over 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to selling methamphetamine, U.S. District Judge Robert Kugler ruled Monday. Joan Benitez, 41, was sentenced to 12 years and seven months and must undergo five years of supervised release, U.S. District Attorney Phillip Sellinger said in a Monday news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTTV-Fox (Los Angeles, CA): OC man pleads guilty to stalking pro gamer online for years, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 9:53 PM

An Orange County man pleaded guilty Monday to stalking a professional online gamer for years, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Evan Baltierra, 29, of Trabuco Canyon, could face a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison. Baltierra met the victim at a gaming convention in Anaheim in 2019, according to his plea agreement. After the two met, Baltierra asked the woman to meet in her hometown in Canada, which court documents say made her feel uncomfortable. The woman then blocked Baltierra across social media, starting in June 2020, according to court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WINS-AM (New York, NY): Veterinarian sentenced to 11 years in prison for role in racehorse doping scheme, Emily Nadal, July 11, 2022, 9:42 PM

A Florida man was sentenced to 11 years in prison Monday for his role in a nearly 20-year scheme where dozens of people made, marketed and sold "untestable" performance enhancing drugs used on racehorses both nationally and internationally, officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Horse Racing Nation](#)

WMBD-CBS (Peoria, IL): Galesburg father and son will serve federal time for meth possession, Maggie Strahan, July 11, 2022, 9:10 PM

A Galesburg father and son, Gilbert Dean Bicknell, 53, and Michael Gilbert Dean Bicknell, 28, were sentenced to federal prison for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Father Gilbert Bicknell was sentenced to 156 months, while his son Michael Bicknell was sentenced to 165 months. Both sentences will be followed by a five-year term of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Man sentenced to prison for participation in multi-state drug ring, Danielle Sandler, July 11, 2022, 7:47 PM

A Charleston man, Ricky Lee Taylor, who also goes by the alias "RT, 58 was sentenced to two years in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release today for his main role in a drug trafficking organization that was responsible for distributing large amounts of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other illegal drugs that were dealt in the Huntington area. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): Florida foster parent convicted for nude recordings of children, Nathaniel

Rodriguez, July 11, 2022, 7:10 PM

A Florida man pleaded guilty to producing child pornography of children he had access to as a foster parent Monday, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg said Justin Dwayne Johnson Sr., 47, of Sanford pleaded guilty to five counts of producing and attempting to produce videos depicting children being sexually exploited and one count of possessing child sexual abuse materials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVIA-ABC (El Paso, TX): El Paso man pleads guilty to producing child porn; admits coercing 4-year-old victim, David Gonzalez, July 11, 2022, 6:44 PM

A 30-year-old El Paso man pleaded guilty to producing child pornography involving a 4-year-old victim, officials say. According to court documents, Jorge Mario Manjarrez-Reyes use a peer-to-peer program to share images of child pornography. Homeland Security Investigators say they found about 513 images and 619 videos depicting child pornography on Manjarrez-Reyes' electronic devices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): KCK man sentenced in international drug smuggling ring, Brian Dulle, July 11, 2022, 6:26 PM

A Kansas City, Kansas, man has been sentenced for his role in an international drug trafficking ring. Back in April 2022, Jovanny Medina, 24, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. He was sentenced Monday to 144 months (12 years) in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KYMA-NBC (Yuma, AZ): Man sentenced to 25 months for assaulting a woman with a dangerous weapon, Faith Rodriguez, July 11, 2022, 6:21 PM

A man from Sells, Arizona was sentenced 25 months in prison along with three years of supervised release for assault with a dangerous weapon. Kyle Devan Cachora is a 28-year-old man who is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation and stabbed a Tohono O'odham woman in San Xavier, Arizona on July 2, 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCAU-ABC (Sioux City, IA): Man pleads guilty to distributing drugs in Siouxland, Ariel Pokett, July 11, 2022, 6:08 PM

A man who admitted to distributing methamphetamine in the Siouxland area pleaded guilty on Friday. According to a release from the United States Attorney's Office, Shawn Gaston, 32, of Illinois, was convicted of possession and intent to distribute methamphetamine as well as additional firearm charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KICD-AM \(Spencer, IA\)](#)

KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): Former postal carrier admits to identity, mail theft in \$250K COVID fraud scheme, Darleene Powells, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A former postal carrier pleaded guilty Monday to charges of stealing more than \$250,000 in COVID-19 unemployment funds by filing fraudulent claims with the identities of residents on his mail route, then taking those debit cards and those sent legitimately when they arrived. Stephen Glover, 32, of Palmdale, pleaded guilty to mail fraud and theft of mail matter by an officer or employee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTTV-Fox \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Michigan man who pointed firearm at woman at Huntington bar sentenced, Isaac Taylor, July 11, 2022, 5:23 PM

A man who pointed a firearm at a woman outside of a Huntington bar in Oct. 2021 has been sentenced to three years and five months behind bars on Monday. According to the Department of Justice (DOJ), the 34-year-old Detroit, Michigan resident Terrell Jerome Greenlee, also known as Julian Johnson, will spend three years and five months in prison followed by three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Windsor Locks-East Windsor, CT): East Windsor Man Pleads Guilty To Federal Oxycodone Offense, Tim Jensen, July 11, 2022, 4:28 PM

An East Windsor resident has pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, oxycodone, according to Vanessa Roberts Avery, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut. Jayson Kemp, 45, admitted his role in a scheme to acquire and distribute oxycodone obtained

through fraudulent prescriptions before U.S. District Judge Victor A. Bolden. He is released on a \$150,000 pending sentencing, which is not yet scheduled, Avery said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): 2 sentenced to federal prison for roles in distributing drugs in Horry County, Dennis Bright, July 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

A Conway man and a Nichols woman have been sentenced to federal prison for their roles in distributing drugs in Horry County, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Florence. Dan Howard Spivey, Jr., 42, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, and Jasmine McKeith, 32, of Nichols, was sentenced to four years in federal prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCAU-ABC (Sioux City, IA): Kingsley man sentenced to prison after several guns found at his residence, Ariel Pokett, July 11, 2022, 2:37 PM

A Kingsley man was sentenced for possessing guns as a known user of controlled substances. According to a release from the United States Attorney's Office, Levi Dimmitt, 35, of Kingsley, pleaded guilty on December 2, 2021, to being a prohibited person in possession of multiple firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indiana man goes to prison after he bilked education software investors of \$1.4M, Gregg Montgomery, July 11, 2022, 2:30 PM

An investment scheme of companies developing educational software has put a southern Indiana man behind bars for 40 months, the U.S. Justice Department says. Anthony Todd Leonard, 55, of Clarksville, was sentenced Monday to federal prison for wire fraud and money laundering. He had pleaded guilty to the offenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPMT-Fox (York, PA): Former Camp Hill lawyer gets probation, fine for obstructing Dept. of Labor investigation, Keith Schweigert, July 11, 2022, 2:13 PM

A former Camp Hill attorney will serve 12 months of probation and pay a \$50,000 fine for concealing documents and records concerning miscalculations of a pension plan for a plumbers and pipefitters union his firm represented, prosecutors said Monday. Charles W. Johnston, age 75, of Fairfax County, VA, was sentenced on July 8 by United States District Court Judge Jennifer P. Wilson. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHTM-ABC \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#)

WHAM-ABC (Rochester, NY): Spencerport man going to prison for attempting to have sex with minor, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

A Spencerport man convicted of attempted receipt of child pornography was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison. Federal prosecutors say Dale Trimmer, 47, used a chat app starting in December 2020 to communicate with minors online, including someone who he believed was a 13-year-old girl but was actually an undercover officer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): Osceola County man sentenced to 25 years for producing child pornography, Samantha Dunne, July 11, 2022, 12:40 PM

An Osceola County man was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for producing and possessing child pornography, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. Judge Carlos E. Mendoza sentenced 63-year-old Michael Belmares, of St. Cloud, after evidence showed he took lewd pictures of multiple children in shopping center parking lots across the county as well as had thousands of pictures of children being sexually abused as far back as 1996. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTAJ-CBS (Altoona, PA): Philipsburg man pleads guilty in 38-person drug bust, Bill Shannon, July 11, 2022, 12:22 PM

A Philipsburg resident has pleaded guilty in a federal court after being involved in a 38-person drug bust that spanned multiple counties. Keegan McChesney, 24, pleaded guilty to a lesser included offense before Senior United States District Judge Kim R. Gibson. In connection with the guilty plea, from July 2019 to June 2020, McChesney did conspire to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: 3 ex-Hawaii prison guards convicted of assaulting inmate, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

Three former Hawaii prison guards were found guilty of civil rights violations for assaulting an inmate and trying to cover it up, the U.S. Department of Justice said Monday. A U.S. judge ordered Jason Tagaloa, Craig Pinkney and Jonathan Taum into custody after a jury convicted them last week, the department said. A fourth former correctional officer, Jordan DeMattos, previously pleaded guilty for his role in the 2015 assault and cover-up, and testified for the government at the three-week trial, federal prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#), [KHON-Fox/CW- \(Honolulu, HI\)](#), [KITV-ABC \(Honolulu, HI\)](#)

AP: Another US appeals court upholds right to record police, Colleen Slevin, July 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

People have a right protected by the First Amendment to film police while they work, a Western U.S. appeals court ruled Monday in a decision that concurs with decisions made by six of the nation's other 12 appeals court. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver ruling came in the case of a YouTube journalist and blogger who claimed that a suburban Denver officer blocked him from recording a 2019 traffic stop. Citing decisions from the other courts over about two decades as well as First Amendment principles, the 10th Circuit said the right to record police was clearly established at the time and reinstated the lawsuit of the blogger, Abade Irizarry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Denver Post](#)

Law360: Texas Presses Court To Nix Federal Gender Identity Guidance, Anne Cullen, July 11, 2022, 6:31 PM

Texas state officials have called on a federal court to wipe out guidance from federal agencies on gender- and sexuality-based workplace discrimination and gender-affirming care, arguing that the government is stretching the U. S. Supreme Court's watershed Bostock ruling too far. The Lone Star State fired off a summary judgment bid Friday in its legal challenge to documents published by the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services that interpreted the U. S. Supreme Court's 2020 ruling in Bostock v. Clayton County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NACAP.org: U.S. Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke to Address 113th NACAP National Convention, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Assistant Attorney General Clarke will address the efforts by the Department of Justice to defend democracy and civil rights at the 113th National NAACP convention in New Jersey. The Assistant Attorney General will also receive this year's prestigious Williams Robert Ming Award, an annual accolade honoring legal professionals who exemplify the spirit of financial and personal sacrifice that Mr. Ming displayed in his legal work for the NAACP. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

AP: Federal judge blocks Arizona's 'personhood' abortion law, Bob Christie, July 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal judge in Phoenix on Monday blocked a 2021 state "personhood" law that gives all legal rights to unborn children and that abortion rights groups said put providers at risk of prosecution for a variety of crimes. U.S. District Judge Douglas Rayes said in his written ruling that the groups that sued to block the law are right — it is "anyone's guess," as the state acknowledged, what criminal laws abortion providers may be breaking if they perform otherwise-legal abortions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

Reuters: Subway can be sued over its tuna, U.S. judge rules, Jonathan Stempel, July 11, 2022, 7:17 PM

A federal judge said Subway can be sued for allegedly deceiving customers about its tuna products, including a claim it uses other fish species, chicken, pork and cattle instead of the advertised "100% tuna." U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco called it premature to accept Subway's argument that any presence of non-tuna DNA might result from eggs in mayonnaise, or cross-contact with other ingredients that its restaurants' employees handle. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Gov't Tells 10th Circ. EPA Ruling Shouldn't Halt Wage Hike, Irene Spezzamonte, July 11, 2022, 6:35

PM

The U.S. Supreme Court decision on the EPA's ability to regulate greenhouse gas emissions doesn't back two outdoor groups' argument that a rule increasing federal contractors' hourly minimum wage to \$15 is unlawful, the government told the Tenth Circuit on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Presidents of U.S., Mexico to meet after summit tensions, Ted Hesson and Alexandra Alper, July 12, 2022, 4:26 AM

Mexico's leader will visit the White House on Tuesday, a month after snubbing an invitation to a U.S.-hosted summit that sought to craft regional consensus on how to stem migrant border crossings that are piling pressure on the Biden administration. Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador skipped the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles to protest Biden's decision to exclude the leftist governments of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [UPI](#)

AP: US extends legal protection for Venezuelans for 18 months, Julie Watson, July 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans who fled their country's humanitarian crisis and are in the United States under temporary legal protection will be allowed to remain for another 18 months, the Biden administration announced Monday. But advocates expressed disappointment that the government has left another 250,000 Venezuelans who made it to the United States at risk of being sent back. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#)

AP: Gov. Cooper vetoes 4 bills, 1 directing sheriffs to aid ICE, Gary D. Robertson, July 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed legislation Monday for the second time in four years that would demand North Carolina sheriffs learn the immigration status of their jails' inmates and make an effort to hold those whom federal agents want to pick up. The Democratic governor vetoed a similar Republican measure in 2019, which came on the heels of newly elected sheriffs in several urban counties deciding against working closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents who are seeking suspects they believe are in the country unlawfully. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Lawsuit over covid outbreak at Farmville immigrant detention center settled, Antonio Olivo, July 11, 2022, 2:29 PM

An immigrant detention center in Virginia's Farmville community that saw more than 300 inmates infected by the coronavirus in 2020, one of whom died, will be limited to a quarter of its capacity under a federal court settlement. Under the terms of the settlement last week between detainees who sued the site's operator, Immigration Centers of America, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, no more than 180 detainees will be allowed inside the facility at a time, with empty dormitory halls spaced between those that are occupied with no more than 30 people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden throws the Border Patrol under the bus, Unattributed, July 12, 2022, 12:00 AM

Two Border Patrol agents tried to help the Texas Department of Public Safety secure the southern border last September. For that crime, President Joe Biden wants them punished. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Professional Responsibility released a 500-page report last Friday, summarizing the findings of a 10-month investigation into a 15-minute incident involving two Horse Patrol Unit agents on the bank of the Rio Grande near Del Rio, Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Biden's DHS pushes to build technology part of Trump's border wall, Stephen Dinan, July 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

The Homeland Security Department said Monday it will push to finish the technology that was supposed to be part of President Trump's border wall, and use other remaining money to fix issues the Biden administration says have emerged from previous construction. Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said the department has found "significant" problems with the more than 450 miles of wall built under former President Trump. The problems include "life, safety and environmental hazards," the department said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 9th Circ. Says Gov't Reasons For Denying Man Asylum Fail, Rae Varona, July 11, 2022, 7:02 PM
A Ninth Circuit panel has sent an Armenian man's asylum request back to the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals, saying nearly all purported inconsistencies the board relied upon when shutting down the man's asylum bid were not supported by the record. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Fla. Man Trafficked Fake Cisco Devices Worth \$1B, Feds Say, Khadrice Rollins, July 11, 2022, 5:17 PM

A Florida man has been indicted in New Jersey federal court, accused of selling counterfeit Cisco networking equipment worth over \$1 billion through various online storefronts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVEO-NBC (Brownsville, TX): Migrant criminal case referrals are up along Southwest border, Sandra Sanchez, July 11, 2022, 10:04 PM

Federal authorities are referring more migrant cases to criminal federal courts, putting them at the highest levels since the coronavirus pandemic began, according to new data. Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) reports that the number of cases referred to federal prosecutors exceeded 2,000 in April, up significantly from just 700 cases that were referred to criminal courts at the height of the pandemic in July 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCIA-CBS (Champaign, IL): CBP officers discover 2 destructive pests for first time ever at California border, Salvador Rivera, July 11, 2022, 9:55 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialists intercepted two different species of destructive pests, in two different shipments of fruits and flowers, making it the first time these bugs had ever been seen at the Mexico-California border. The most recent discovery was on June 22 at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, when a shipment of rambutan fruit arrived at the cargo facility. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVIA-ABC/CW (El Paso, TX): Fugitive arrested at Bridge of the Americas for sexual assault of a child, David Gonzalez, July 11, 2022, 7:58 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers arrested a Mexican citizen for an outstanding warrant for sexual assault of a child Saturday. According to CBP, the 47-year-old man was entering the U.S. from Mexico when questioning led to the discovery of the outstanding warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRAL-NBC (Raleigh, NC): Cooper rejects bill compelling local officials to work more closely with ICE, Bryan Anderson, July 11, 2022, 4:50 PM

A renewed effort to bolster collaboration in North Carolina between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement officials has failed again. Proposed legislation vetoed Monday by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper would have required local sheriffs and jail administrators to find out the immigration status of some inmates and assist U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in keeping them detained before possible deportation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

AP: Report: DOJ inquiring about antitrust in PGA-LIV dispute, Doug Ferguson, July 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

The dispute between the PGA Tour and the Saudi-funded LIV Golf series now has the attention of the U.S. Department of Justice, according to the Wall Street Journal, and the PGA Tour said Monday it was confident it would prevail. "This was not unexpected," the tour said in a statement. The Journal said players' agents have received inquiries from the Justice Department's antitrust division that involve PGA Tour regulations on competing events and the tour suspending players in recent months for playing in LIV Golf events. The Journal cited a person familiar with the inquiries. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [CBS](#), [Daily Beast](#), [ESPN](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Golf Channel](#), [Golf Magazine](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Sports Illustrated](#), [Washington Times](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#)

Law360: DOJ Accused Of 'Overzealous' Contract Merger Challenge, Bryan Koenig, July 11, 2022, 9:24 PM
The U.S. Department of Justice asked a Maryland federal judge to preliminarily undo the underlying merger agreement through which Booz Allen Hamilton is trying to acquire government technologies contractor EverWatch Corp., only to be accused by the companies of flouting court document safeguards and misrepresenting their intentions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Companies want DOJ's Apple investigation to pick up pace, Margaret Harding McGill, July 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Justice Department's Apple investigation is taking too long, allowing harm to competitors and consumers to continue, several companies say. Why it matters: Big Tech's dual D.C. threats are antitrust lawsuits and bills that would rewrite the rules for how they operate, but Apple has yet to feel the full brunt of either. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Va. Freight Biz Sues EPA For \$6.2M Over Superfund Site, Faith Williams, July 11, 2022, 6:31 PM
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was hit with a \$6.2 million suit Monday by a Virginia-based freight company that claims the agency wrongfully accused it of releasing hazardous substances into the environment and designated a 30-acre site it owns as a Superfund site. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Reuters: U.S. tax committees to question IRS chief over audits of ex-FBI officials, David Lawder, July 11, 2022, 7:19 PM

U.S. tax commissioner Charles Rettig will face questions from legislators over how two former FBI officials vilified by former President Donald Trump were targeted for intensive tax audits, lawmakers and the Internal Revenue Service said on Monday. The Senate Finance Committee will hold a closed-door hearing on July 26 into the circumstances of tax audits for former FBI director James Comey and FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe, said Senator Ron Wyden, the panel's chairman, in an emailed statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Tax](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: Texas murder suspect Kaitlin Armstrong escapes charge for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, Michael Ruiz, July 11, 2022, 7:05 PM

A federal judge has dismissed a charge against Texas murder suspect Kaitlin Armstrong, who is being held in Travis County in connection with the shooting death of pro cyclist Anna Moriah "Mo" Wilson. But it's just a formality, and she could face the charge again in the future if prosecutors deem it necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: More than 5,000 pounds of methamphetamine found in record-breaking seizure in Southern California, Emily Mae Czachor, July 11, 2022, 9:03 AM

Four residents of Tijuana, Mexico, face federal drug trafficking charges in connection with a Southern California methamphetamine seizure that authorities say was "record-breaking" because of its size. The suspects — identified as 37-year-old Rafael Alzua, 41-year-old Galdrino Contreras, 41-year-old Mario Contreras, and 44-year-old Ethgar Velazquez — are accused of attempting to transport large quantities of meth after police found them unloading a vehicle filled with the illegal substance on Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#)

The Indianapolis Star (Indianapolis, IN): Indiana FBI agents are working on these 6 cases. Can you help solve one?, Hannah Brock, July 12, 2022, 5:49 AM

The Indianapolis FBI is looking for information in six cases ranging from missing people, unsolved homicides and crimes against children. There are two types of cases that warrant FBI involvement, FBI Indianapolis special agent in charge Herbert J. Stapleton said via email. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: Mexican cartel smugglers nabbed with \$1.2M worth of meth in NYC — then released thanks to lax bail laws: feds, Larry Celona and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, July 11, 2022, 4:49 PM

A pair of suspected Mexican drug-cartel smugglers was busted with a \$1.2 million stash of crystal meth — but had to be freed thanks to New York’s lax bail laws, authorities said Monday. The two California men, Luis Estrada and Carlos Santos, were allegedly caught red-handed by the US Drug Enforcement Administration as part of a multi-agency investigation. Yet frustrated agents had to stand by and watch as the suspects were cut loose on just supervised release, the federal agency said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WREG-CBS (Memphis, TN): Marshals capture fugitive during operation in Whitehaven, Jessica Gertler, July 11, 2022, 11:25 PM

Dozens have been arrested for the most violent crimes in the Mid-South, and WREG got an exclusive look at how the U.S. Marshals Service tracked down some of those fugitives during a special operation. “We launched Operation North Star, which is a department of justice initiative to reduce violent crime by apprehending dangerous fugitives,” said Tyreece Miller, the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee. “Memphis was selected as one of 10 cities where this initiative is happening.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): AG Healey backs ATF rule on ghost guns, Matt Murphy, July 11, 2022, 10:38 PM

With a Texas gun parts manufacturer challenging the Biden administration’s new rule regulating “ghost guns,” Attorney General Maura Healey joined a coalition of 20 top state prosecutors in supporting the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to regulate the sale of the currently untraceable guns. Healey signed on to a brief filed last week in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas supporting the final rule issued by the ATF in April that would give law enforcement the ability to trace “ghost guns” and prevent unqualified individuals from purchasing parts to make their own weapons. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WIBW-AM (Topeka, KS): Ahead of crime stat update, City Manager says Topeka is safe, Melissa Brunner, July 11, 2022, 10:14 PM

Interim City Manager Bill Cochran says he believes crime stats due out this week will provide a positive picture of the direction crime is headed in Topeka. Cochran took issue with a real estate marketing company’s recent report that listed Topeka as one of the least-safe cities in the nation. Cochran says even the FBI disputed the site’s data. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): Man arrested in large Colorado fentanyl seizure last month escaped, Blair Miller, July 11, 2022, 9:40 PM

A man who was arrested last month on I-70 in what Colorado State Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration touted as the largest U.S. highway fentanyl seizure in history remains at large after he ditched agents while they were tracking a “controlled delivery” they asked him to make following his arrest. The arrest and escape of David Maldonado, 26, was first reported last week by the Denver Gazette. Denver7 obtained the warrant for his arrest from a court administrator on Monday morning. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KATV-ABC (Little Rock, AR): CEO for U.S. Marshals Museum could be hired in August, Tina Alvey Dale, July 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The search for a new president and CEO of the Fort Smith-based U.S. Marshals Museum is “going well,” and the board hopes a new CEO will be named by end of summer, according to Museum Board Chair Doug Babb. Patrick Weeks, who faces two felony charges of aggravated assault with a firearm, resigned as president and CEO of the U.S. Marshals Museum on March 4. Babb said the board in April hired Boston-based executive search firm Lindaurer, which specializes in non-profit organizations. The Lindauer firm recruited USMM Foundation President and Chief Development Officer Anthony Meyer earlier this year, Babb said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOMU-NBC/CW (Columbia, MO): Retired Wardsville priest under FBI investigation for misappropriation of funds in excess of \$300k, Dmitry Martirosov, July 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A retired priest is under an FBI investigation for allegedly embezzling \$320,000 from a Wardsville church. According to a statement released by the Diocese of Jefferson City, Father Ignazio Medina, who was pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville from 2012 to 2021, is at the center of the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRNV-NBC (Reno, NV): Two men arrested on drug charges in Gardnerville Walmart parking lot, Unattributed, July 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

Two men from California were arrested in the Walmart parking lot in Gardnerville on drug charges. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Street Enforcement Team (SET) working in conjunction with the Tri-Net Task Force and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force arrested two people in the Walmart parking lot on Grant Avenue July 7. Authorities say the arrests were the culmination of a short investigation into the drug trafficking activities of David Wright, a 56-year-old man from the southern California area. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMIZ-ABC (Columbia, MO): Former Wardsville priest under FBI investigation for embezzlement, Matthew Sanders, July 11, 2022, 2:33 PM

A Jefferson City Diocese priest is heading to a church trial and being investigated by the FBI for allegedly mismanaging money at a Wardsville church, the diocese said in a statement Sunday. The church trial has been suspended because of an ongoing FBI investigation, according to the statement. Father Ignazio Medina, who retired July 1, is being investigated for his actions while he was pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish from 2012 to 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NYT: Justice Department Taps Oregon Official to Run Troubled Bureau of Prisons, Glenn Thrush, July 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

Colette S. Peters, the longtime director of the Oregon Department of Corrections, has been tapped to lead the chronically mismanaged and understaffed federal Bureau of Prisons, according to two people familiar with the decision. The Justice Department, which oversees the bureau, is expected to announce her appointment this week, perhaps as early as Tuesday. The bureau, a sprawling network of 122 facilities with an annual budget of around \$10 billion, houses about 158,000 inmates. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: A Texas death row inmate is seeking a 30-day reprieve to donate a kidney. An appeals court has issued an execution stay for a different reason, Dakin Andone, July 12, 2022, 1:00 AM

A Texas death row inmate -- who recently asked the governor for a 30-day delay of his execution so he can make a kidney donation -- has been granted a stay for a different reason, the state's appeals court announced Monday. Attorneys for Ramiro Gonzales, 39, who was sentenced to death for the 2001 murder of Bridget Townsend, claimed in a motion filed June 30 that prosecutors presented "false and materially inaccurate expert testimony" at the penalty phase of his trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): Man who torched police cruiser in Providence riot to be sentenced Thursday, Tim White, July 11, 2022, 5:08 PM

Federal prosecutors are asking a judge to sentence a Cranston man who admitted to setting a Providence police cruiser on fire to more than three-and-a-half years in prison. Nicholas Scaglione, 32, is set to be sentenced Thursday for his role in the arson that took place during the June 2020 riot in Providence. The unrest was sparked in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by then-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

WaPo: [OPINION] Confirm Hanes to the Eastern District, Carl Tobias, July 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

When the Senate returns today from its July Fourth Recess, the upper chamber should expeditiously confirm U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Wilson Hanes to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Hanes, whom

President Biden nominated on April 27, is very experienced. She has served as a magistrate judge since 2020, when the court's Article III judges appointed her to help them resolve its substantial docket, as a litigator for consumers in civil disputes across four years and as an assistant federal public defender for seven years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Three Affiliated Tribes Get Member's \$46M RICO Suit Axed, Andrew Westney, July 11, 2022, 9:03 PM
A North Dakota federal judge on Monday tossed a suit by a Three Affiliated Tribes member claiming the tribe's governing business council defrauded her company of nearly \$46 million from a concrete business, saying the council never waived the tribe's sovereign immunity to suit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 56 Tribes, Fishers Wade Into Alaska Fishing Dispute, Clark Mindock, July 11, 2022, 5:58 PM
Subsistence fishers and an alliance of 56 tribes say a state order that would have opened a stretch of Alaskan river to gill net fishing would directly harm them and other rural residents. In an intervenor complaint filed with an Alaska federal court Friday, the Association of Village Council Presidents and several subsistence fishers backed the U. S. government in its suit filed earlier this year against the state over its order related to the Kuskokwim River. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Alaska Sport Fishing Co. Sued Over \$1M Fire On Native Lands, Joyce Hanson, July 11, 2022, 4:27 PM
The United States is suing a sport fishing company in Alaska federal court, accusing one of its guides of lighting an illegal campsite fire that grew to burn 176 acres of Native and federal public lands, costing \$1 million in fire suppression efforts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: Pennsylvania Governor Signs Marijuana Banking And Insurance Reform Bill Into Law, Kyle Jaeger, July 11, 2022, 3:00 PM
The governor of Pennsylvania on Monday signed a bill that includes provisions to protect banks and insurers in the state that work with licensed medical marijuana businesses. Pro-legalization Gov. Tom Wolf (D) approved the measure sent to his desk by the Republican-controlled legislature, which mirrors a standalone bill that previously advanced before being attached to a separate measure. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Marijuana Moment: Feds Must Defend Historical Rationale Of Banning Guns For Medical Marijuana Patients, Revised Lawsuit Argues After SCOTUS Ruling, Kyle Jaeger, July 11, 2022, 2:00 PM
A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning state gun restrictions has raised new questions about the constitutionality of the federal ban on guns for medical marijuana patients—and a lawsuit that a top Florida official filed against the Justice Department over the issue has been revised to make new arguments based on the high court's latest decision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden admin: Docs must offer abortion if mom's life at risk, Zeke Miller, July 11, 2022, 9:00 PM
The Biden administration on Monday told hospitals that they "must" provide abortion services if the life of the mother is at risk, saying federal law on emergency treatment guidelines preempts state laws in jurisdictions that w ban the procedure without any exceptions following the Supreme Court's decision to end a constitutional right to abortion. The Department of Health and Human Services cited requirements on medical facilities in the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, or EMTALA. The law requires medical facilities to determine whether a person seeking treatment may be in labor or whether they face an emergency health situation — or one that could develop into an emergency — and to provide treatment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#)

Reuters: Biden pushes to ban assault weapons, gets heckled at gun violence event, Jeff Mason, July 11, 2022, 6:26 PM

A man whose son was killed in the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, interrupted President Joe Biden's remarks at the White House on Monday during an event to herald the passage of the first major federal gun safety law in three decades. Manuel Oliver, whose son Joaquin was murdered in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre, shouted "we've already gone through this for years and years" at the event, during which Biden lauded the new law but said more needed to be done. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Reuters: Judge orders Lindsey Graham to testify before grand jury in Trump election probe, Kanishka Singh, July 11, 2022, 3:42 PM

A judge ordered U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham to testify in front of a special grand jury in Georgia investigating former President Donald Trump's alleged attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney ordered that Graham will be required to testify on Aug. 2. The judge's certification filed on Monday described Graham as a "necessary and material witness" to the grand jury probe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: 'It wouldn't be my choice for judge': Senate Democrats slam Biden's planned anti-abortion pick, Joey Garrison, Dylan Wells, Joe Sonka and Andrew Wolfson, July 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Several Senate Democrats said they would vote against the confirmation of a conservative, anti-abortion federal judge nominee if President Joe Biden follows through with a purported deal with Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. The strong reaction from Democrats on Biden's planned nomination of attorney Chad Meredith in Kentucky raised the prospects of the president's own party blocking the pick should he move forward. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- A fast-growing wildfire in Yosemite National Park is threatening its famous Giant Sequoia trees, some of the largest and oldest trees in the world. Hundreds of firefighters are battling the flames under brutal conditions in an effort to protect the historic trees. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Victims of gun violence joined President Biden at the White House to celebrate the passage of the nation's first major gun legislation in nearly three decades. But in Texas, there's growing frustration over the investigation into the Uvalde school shooting. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Jan. 6th committee will hold another public hearing tomorrow, focusing on the "mobilization of the mob" in the days leading up to the attack. Members of the committee say it will connect the dots between far-right groups and then-President Trump. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian forces are intensifying their attacks on many fronts in Ukraine, including strikes on three civilian apartment buildings that killed 30 people. Multiple missile attacks also killed at least six people, but they're not the only threats that civilians are facing. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- A private wake for former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is being held at a Tokyo temple, following his shocking assassination. Hundreds of mourners are paying respect to the former leader of Japan, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken who is making his way to Japan. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Twitter's stock dropped more than 11% today in the first day of trading after Elon Musk said he wanted to pull out of a deal to buy the social media company. Twitter now plans to take Musk to court to enforce the \$54 per share price that both sides agreed upon. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Thousands of protesters stormed the presidential residence in Sri Lanka over their country's shortages of fuel, food and medicine. Now, the President and Prime Minister have both promised to leave office, following days of demonstrations. [[CBS](#)]
- A Spirit Airlines plane had a terrifying landing after one of its brakes overheated and caught fire. Panic erupted on board, as the plane landed in Atlanta. No one was hurt. [[CBS](#)]
- Health officials warn that the BA.5 subvariant could be the most transmissible omicron variant yet. [[ABC](#)]
- Just weeks after the reversal of Roe v. Wade, a French company is asking the FDA to approve an over-the-counter version of the birth control pill. In the Supreme Court's ruling, they said the right to contraception would not be affected. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Stock Futures Fall, Dollar Firms on Growth Concerns" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "Ukraine Digs for Survivors in Rubble of Residential Attacks by Russian Missiles" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Half of G.O.P. Voters Ready to Leave Trump Behind, Poll Finds" [[NYT](#)]
- "Jan. 6 committee to connect Oath Keepers, Proud Boys and QAnon to Trump allies" [[LAT](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]

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AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Biden weighs authority to declare abortion-related public health emergency" [[Reuters](#), [Bloomberg](#)]
- "Bannon, Facing Jail and Fines, Agrees to Testify to Jan. 6 Panel" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Two long weeks: Inside Biden's struggle to respond to abortion ruling" [[WaPo](#)]
- "The staggering scope of U.S. gun deaths goes far beyond mass shootings" [[WaPo](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

WaPo: Domestic terror cases increasingly cross borders, FBI director says, Devlin Barrett, July 8, 2022, 3:20 PM

Many domestic terrorism cases now have an international component, as would-be killers are "egging each other on" and drawing inspiration from racist or neo-Nazi attacks overseas, the head of the FBI and his British counterpart said Friday. FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, speaking to reporters alongside Ken McCallum, director general of the British domestic security agency MI5, said their agencies have spent decades developing tip-sharing systems to handle international terrorism cases, but that "muscle memory" is now being applied to domestic terrorism investigations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Calls for TikTok Probe Widen, Adding to Pressure on Biden to Weigh In, John D. McKinnon, July 8, 2022, 8:05 AM

Calls for an investigation into the security risks posed by the video app TikTok are widening, adding to pressure on President Biden to make good on his year-old promise to get tough on apps that could share Americans' personal data with foreign adversaries. The Democratic chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the panel's top Republican sent a joint letter to the Federal Trade Commission this week urging an investigation of TikTok's data-

handling and other practices. TikTok's parent, ByteDance Ltd., has its headquarters in Beijing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Lauds CIA for Punching 'Gigantic Hole' in Putin's Playbook, Akayla Gardner, Justin Sink, and Jordan Fabian, July 8, 2022, 5:43 PM

President Joe Biden praised the Central Intelligence Agency's efforts to expose Russia's plans to invade Ukraine, telling the staff that they had "punched a gigantic hole" in President Vladimir Putin's objectives. "It was thanks to the incredible work of our intelligence professionals that we were able to forewarn the world what Vladimir Putin was planning in Ukraine," Biden said during his first visit as president to CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Putin warns West: sanctions risk energy price spike catastrophe, Guy Faulconbridge, July 8, 2022, 12:23 PM

President Vladimir Putin warned the West on Friday that continued sanctions against Russia over the war in Ukraine risked triggering catastrophic energy price rises for consumers around the world. Putin, who casts the sanctions imposed on Russia as a declaration of economic war, said that Western calls to reduce reliance on Russian energy had made global markets "feverish" with spikes in oil and gas. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

NYT: Florida Man Sentenced to 20 Years for Uploading Bomb-Making Video, Vimal Matel, July 9, 2022, 9:25 AM

A Florida man who had pledged support to ISIS was sentenced on Thursday to 20 years in prison for uploading a video he believed would help the terrorist group make bombs, the federal authorities said on Thursday. The man, Romeo Xavier Langhorne, 32, of St. Augustine, Fla., pleaded guilty in March 2021 to one count of providing material support to ISIS, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. The sentence, handed down in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville, also included an additional 15 years of supervised release, the statement said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Here's how North Korean operatives are trying to infiltrate US crypto firms, Sean Lyngaas, July 10, 2022, 12:02 AM

Devin, the founder of a cryptocurrency startup based in San Francisco, woke up one day in February to the most bizarre phone call of his life. The man on the other end, an FBI agent, told Devin that the seemingly legitimate software developer he'd hired the previous summer was a North Korean operative who'd sent tens of thousands of dollars of his salary to the country's authoritarian regime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

AP: Trump WH counsel Cipollone meets with 1/6 panel for 8 hours, Lisa Mascaró and Farnoush Amiri, July 8, 2022, 6:26 PM

Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone met for a private interview with the Jan. 6 committee for about eight hours Friday regarding his role in trying to prevent then-President Donald Trump from challenging the 2020 presidential election and joining the violent mob that laid siege to the Capitol. Cipollone, once a staunch presidential confidant who had defended Trump during his first impeachment trial, had been reluctant to appear formally for an on-record interview. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [Politico](#) [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Oath Keeper brought explosives to D.C. ahead of Jan. 6 attack, prosecutor

says, David Morgan, July 9, 2022, 11:57 AM

A member of the Oath Keepers extremist group brought explosives to the Washington, D.C., area ahead of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump, according to the U.S. Justice Department. In a court filing, federal prosecutors alleged that Jeremy Brown, an Oath Keepers member from Florida, drove explosives to a Virginia hotel in his recreational vehicle on Jan. 6. A second member of the group, Thomas Caldwell, was later found in possession of a "death list" that included the name of a Georgia election official, according to the document. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#) , [Axios](#), [UPI](#)

Reuters: Steve Bannon's lawyer asks to leave Jan. 6-related case, says he may be witness, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 10:13 AM

A lawyer for Steve Bannon is seeking to withdraw from representing the adviser to former President Donald Trump in his criminal contempt case, citing the possibility of being called as a witness at trial, a court document on Friday showed. Bannon was charged last year with two counts of contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena issued by a House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Oath Keepers Founder Offers Jan. 6 Testimony If Hearing Public, Billy House, July 8, 2022, 4:02 PM

The founder of the Oath Keepers militia group, Elmer Stewart Rhodes, is willing to testify to the House Committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the US Capitol, his attorney said, but only if it is during a public session. "He's willing to waive his Fifth Amendment rights, he wants to testify in public, and he wants to testify live," James Lee Bright said in a telephone interview. "I don't think they'll go along with that." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WABE-NPR (Atlanta, GA): DOJ: Oath Keeper's 'death list' targeted Georgia elections official, Patrick Saunders, July 9, 2022, 2:26 PM

Federal prosecutors on Friday released new details about several Oath Keepers charged with seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, saying one co-defendant kept a "death list" that included the name of a Georgia elections official and their family member. The Justice Department cited the list in a previous filing in Feb. 2021, but did not reveal that it included a Georgia official until Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Committee Is Considering a Prime-Time Hearing for Next Week, Billy House, July 8, 2022, 9:58 AM

The House committee investigating the insurrection at the US Capitol is considering a second televised hearing next week, this one in prime time on Thursday, people familiar with the planning said. Those people did not provide a specific topic, or say whether the tentative hearing, which would be the committee's eighth since June, would be its last one until a late August or September presentation of a report on its findings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Evidence of firearms in Jan. 6 crowd grows as arrests and trials mount, Tom Jackman, Rachel Weiner and Spencer S. Hsu, July 8, 2022, 9:40 AM

Some of the startling revelations of the recent blockbuster Jan. 6 House committee hearing came in snippets of police radio traffic captured during President Donald Trump's rally on the Ellipse and from Trump's purported response to being told there were armed protesters just outside a secured area. The chatter included reports of a man with an AR-15 in a tree on Constitution Avenue who was accompanied by two men with pistols on their hips. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: [OPINION] Prosecute Trump? Merrick Garland is investigating aggressively but prosecuting cautiously, Doyle McManus, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

The House committee on the Jan. 6, 2021, insurgency, whose hearings resume this week, has produced impressive evidence that could allow prosecutors to argue that former President Trump committed crimes as he tried to overturn the 2020 election. Thanks to the hearings, we now know more clearly that Trump tried to bully Vice President Mike Pence into blocking Congress' count of electoral votes, tried to bully Justice Department officials into declaring the election fraudulent even though they knew it wasn't and stood by with seeming approval while his armed supporters sacked the Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Florida man charged with selling fake Cisco equipment in \$1 bln scheme, Jonathan Stempel, July 8, 2022, 4:55 PM

U.S. prosecutors on Friday announced the arrest of a Florida man accused of importing counterfeit Cisco networking equipment that if authentic would be worth more than \$1 billion, and reselling the fake products on Amazon.com, eBay and elsewhere. Onur Aksoy, 38, of Miami, allegedly worked with suppliers in China and Hong Kong from 2013 to 2022 to import tens of thousands of fake devices through at least 19 entities in New Jersey and Florida dubbed the Pro Network. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Times Leader (Wilkes-Barre, PA): Hazleton man sentenced on federal drug, fraud charges, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Hazleton man was sentenced on Friday to 25 years imprisonment on combined drug trafficking and pandemic unemployment fraud offenses. Fredy Mendoza, 34, was sentenced by District Judge Malachy E. Mannion to 300 months in prison for methamphetamine trafficking and 18 months for pandemic unemployment fraud, to be served concurrent with the meth trafficking sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOLF-Fox \(Hazleton, PA\)](#)

Sacramento Bee (Sacramento, CA): Seven indicted for drug trafficking in South Lake Tahoe during 'Operation Bear Trap', Dante Motley, July 8, 2022, 6:58 PM (EDT)

A federal grand jury has indicted six South Lake Tahoe residents and one Sacramento resident in connection with a drug trafficking ring, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Friday. Prosecutors say the seven worked together from August 2020 to May of this year, according to court documents, in an intertwined effort to sell methamphetamine and heroin around South Lake Tahoe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCYB-NBC/CW- (Bristol, VA): Man who conspired to traffic 200 pounds of meth into SW Virginia convicted, DOJ says, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 3:00 PM

A former California man, who had recently moved to Southwest Virginia, was found guilty of conspiracy and drug distribution charges, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Guy Benjamin Bowman, 56, of Meadowview, was convicted following a three-day jury trial in United States District Court in Abingdon, United States Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh and Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares announced Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: La Luz del Mundo dissidents pressure authorities, seek more charges against 'apostle', Libor Jany, July 10, 2022, 8:00 AM

Holding her sons tight, Deborah Contreras shuddered with sobs as the women in a Los Angeles courtroom recounted years of sexual abuse inflicted by the man they once believed was an "apostle" of Jesus Christ. [...] Local or even federal authorities could become involved if they could prove widespread reports that abuse allegations were ignored or

covered up at the highest echelons of La Luz del Mundo, said Levenson, who has studied other recent clergy scandals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOTV-CBS (Tulsa, OK): Inmate Convicted Of Murdering Cellmate At McAlester Prison, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 8:39 PM (EDT)

A man serving a life sentence in prison for manslaughter has now been convicted of murder while in prison. A federal jury found William Brown guilty of killing his cellmate, Mark Lawhead, by beating and strangling him. It happened in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester in 2019. Brown was a member of the Indian Brotherhood prison gang and prosecutors said he committed the murder to boost his reputation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Checking In On DOJ's Promised White Collar Crackdown, Ilan Graff, July 8, 2022, 5:17 PM

In October 2021, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General John P. Carlin announced that the U.S. Department of Justice was building up a surge in resources for white collar enforcement,[1] a theme... [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Family of man hurt in police van seeks civil rights charges, Pat Eaton-Robb, July 8, 2022, 6:47 PM

The family of a Black man in Connecticut, paralyzed when a police van without seatbelts braked suddenly, asked federal authorities Friday to file civil rights charges against the officers involved. The driver was taking Randy Cox, 36, to a police station in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 19 for processing on a weapons charge when he braked hard to avoid a collision, police said, causing Cox to fly headfirst into the wall of the van. His family said he remains paralyzed from the chest down. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#)

NYT: [OPINION] Why Does It Take Federal Intervention to Fix the N.Y.P.D.?, Mara Gay, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

The saga of the Special Victims Division is the latest illustration of the extraordinary measures required to meaningfully reform the nation's largest police department. When the N.Y.P.D. conducted sweeping surveillance of Muslim communities in the years after the Sept. 11 attacks, class-action litigation was needed to put an end to the practice. When the department violated the civil rights of millions of innocent Black and Latino men by targeting them for unconstitutional police searches, years of lawsuits were needed to curb the tactic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: New Arizona law criminalizes filming police from less than 8 feet away, Lindsey Bever, July 8, 2022, 4:20 PM

A new Arizona law will make it illegal to film law enforcement encounters from closer than 8 feet away except in certain circumstances, such as when the person recording is the one being questioned by the authorities. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) signed the bill into law on Wednesday, which will make it a misdemeanor offense to record police activity at close range after officers have issued a verbal warning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Colorado Politics: 10th Circuit reinstates student's First Amendment lawsuit over anti-Semitic 'joke', Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 9:05 PM

A Cherry Creek High School student has credibly alleged school officials violated his First Amendment rights when they expelled him for an offensive social media post, the federal appeals court based in Denver decided on Wednesday. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit reinstated the lawsuit of a teenager identified as C.G., largely due to a U.S.

Supreme Court ruling from last year limiting the authority of administrators to regulate students' off-campus speech. Senior Judge Paul J. Kelly Jr., writing for the three-judge panel that heard C.G.'s appeal, called the two cases "materially similar." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): Former New Castle police officer charged for excessive use of force in 3 arrests, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

A federal grand jury in Indianapolis charged a former New Castle Police Department officer for excessive use of force against three people. According to the indictment, 44-year-old Aaron Strong violated three people's civil rights by using unreasonable force when he arrested them, with all three injured in the incidents. The indictment also alleged Strong used dangerous weapons against two of the victims. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WISH-CW \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

CIVIL LAW

Law360: DOJ Says Aerojet Cybersecurity FCA Settlement Worth \$9M, Daniel Wilson, July 8, 2022, 6:47 PM

Aerojet Rocketdyne has paid \$9 million to end a high-profile False Claims Act suit alleging the company misled the government about its cybersecurity compliance, the U.S. Department of Justice said Friday as it touted a whistleblower's role in the case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Business Journals \(Sacramento, CA\)](#), [City News Service](#), [My News LA](#)

TAX

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): Convicted felon, former US Rep. Corrine Brown on why she's running for Congress again, Justin Warmoth, July 10, 2022, 8:52 AM

One month after pleading guilty to one count of tax evasion, longtime U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown filed to run for Congress again. The former Democratic congresswoman from Jacksonville was facing retrial after her conviction on 18 counts of fraud and corruption was overturned on appeal. As part of the plea agreement with the U.S. Justice Department, Brown was given time served and ordered to pay restitution to the IRS. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Four U.S. border agency employees could face discipline over treatment of Haitian migrants, Mica Rosenberg and Ted Hesson, July 8, 2022, 5:44 PM

Four employees from U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have been referred for disciplinary review over their treatment of Haitian migrants who they sought to push back across the Rio Grande using horses last September, officials said on Friday as the agency released a more than 500-page report on the widely filmed and photographed incident. CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus in a press conference stressed the disciplinary process related to the Sept. 19 incident was ongoing, and he did not identify the employees. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Review Finds Agents Used Unnecessary Force Against Black Migrants, Eileen Sullivan and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, July 9, 2022, 2:22 AM

Border Patrol agents on horseback used "unnecessary" force in September against Black migrants who crossed into Del Rio, Texas, en masse, amid a humanitarian crisis that exposed the Biden administration's struggle to manage a record number of southwestern border crossings. In the absence of clear instructions from their supervisors, the agents took commands from the Texas state police and improperly "used force or the threat of force" to

drive migrants back into the Rio Grande. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Children separated from relatives at the border could be reunited under new Biden program, Hamed Aleaziz, July 8, 2022, 5:59 PM (EDT)

After the girl's grandfather died, she traveled from Guatemala to the Texas border with her uncle. Border Patrol agents separated them. The girl, then 10, ended up in foster care, while her uncle was deported, according to her attorney, Miriam Enriquez. Such painful separations could be avoided under a new Biden administration program that will allow children to quickly reunite with relatives like uncles and grandparents at the border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Leaked data show US bracing for 161,000 unaccompanied children at border this year, Anna Giaritelli, July 9, 2022, 7:00 AM

The Department of Homeland Security anticipates as many as 161,000 children coming across the border alone without a parent or guardian this year, surpassing last year's record, according to federal data obtained by the Washington Examiner. The soaring numbers of children traveling north to the United States with the aid of cartels, which charge families thousands of dollars each to transport a child, has remained unchecked since President Joe Biden took office a year and a half ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): 93 migrants, 3 stash houses found by El Paso Sector Border Patrol, Fallon Fischer, July 8, 2022, 11:16 PM (EDT)

U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the El Paso Sector found 93 migrants and three stash houses over the last several days, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. On Tuesday, agents received information of possible smuggled migrants being in the Segundo Barrio area in El Paso. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

WSJ: Google Offers Concessions to Fend Off U.S. Antitrust Lawsuit, Miles Kruppa, Sam Schechner, and Brent Kendall, July 8, 2022

Alphabet Inc.'s Google has offered concessions in an attempt to head off a possible U.S. antitrust lawsuit aimed at its massive ad-tech business, according to people familiar with the matter, a sign that legal and regulatory pressures on the tech giant are coming to a head. As part of one offer, Google has proposed splitting parts of its business that auctions and places ads on websites and apps into a separate company under the Alphabet umbrella, some of the people said. That entity could potentially be valued at tens of billions of dollars, depending on what assets it contained. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: 5 poultry industry execs found not guilty of price fixing, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 12:00 PM

Five executives from the poultry processing industry have been found not guilty of conspiring to fix prices. A jury in a Denver federal court acquitted former Pilgrim's Pride CEOs Jayson Penn and William Lovette; Roger Austin, a former Pilgrim's vice president; Mikell Fries, president of Claxton Poultry and Scott Brady, a Claxton vice president. In October 2020 Pilgrim's Pride reached a plea agreement with the U.S. government over charges of price-fixing in the chicken industry. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [WSJ](#)

Law360: [ANALYSIS] 2 Mistrials, 1 Acquittal & A DOJ Listening Problem, Bryan Koenig, July 8, 2022, 7:50 PM

The defense said the case should have never been brought. The judge told the U.S. Department of Justice's top antitrust official to "reflect" on the evidence after two separate juries deadlocked on price-fixing charges against chicken industry executives. [[Continue](#)]

[Reading](#)]

CBS: Millions in refunds await those who used Western Union to pay scammers, Kate Gibson, July 8, 2022, 3:56 PM

People tricked into wiring money to fraudsters through Western Union have until the end of August to file for a full refund as part of a \$586 million settlement reached by the company and the government. The Department of Justice has already distributed more than \$366 million to more than 148,000 victims, many of them elderly, and refunds are still available, with the deadline to file a claim recently extended, according to the Federal Trade Commission. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Defends Army Swag Bid Rigging Case Against Dismissal, Matthew Perlman, July 8, 2022, 5:03 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has urged a Florida federal court not to toss antitrust charges against a man accused of rigging bids for customized promotional products sold to the U.S. Army, saying his dismissal bid misconstrues the law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CORRECTIONS/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WQAD-ABC: Sen. Durbin says USP Thomson conduct is 'a reasonable situation' during prison visit, Shelby Kluver and Connor Day July 9

Illinois U.S. Senator Dick Durbin paid a visit to the USP Thomson federal prison on Friday following conduct allegations made against Warden Thomas Bergami. Durbin spoke with staff, inmates, and management as he was given a tour of the facility to assess conditions after Thomson's staff union reported instances of inmate abuse and death and called it one of the deadliest federal prisons in the country.... Following the tour, Sen. Durbin spoke to the press, but refused to comment on the union's allegations, saying, "I'm not gonna engage in that conversation." [[Continue Reading](#)]. See also: [KWQC-NBC](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CNN: 5,000 pounds of meth seized in San Diego County when truck is followed after crossing border, officials say, Sharif Paget, July 9, 2022, 6:23 AM

More than 5,000 pounds of methamphetamine were seized this week after authorities in San Diego County tracked and intercepted a truck that crossed the US border from Mexico, officials said Friday. [...] "This monumental seizure represents another win against drug cartels that fuel addiction in the United States," said Shelly S. Howe, a Special Agent in Charge at the US Drug Enforcement Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: FBI Director Wray tells CNN there are 'way, way too many people' acting violently on political grievances, Evan Perez and Hannah Rabinowitz, July 8, 2022, 2:00 PM

Hours after the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday, top US and British law enforcement leaders decried threats facing public figures around the globe in an exclusive interview with CNN, saying that there is a "right way" to protest political grievances. "There are way, way too many people in today's world who are taking their very passionately held views and manifesting them through violence," FBI Director Christopher Wray told CNN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: FBI investigates 'potential threat' against Texas synagogue, Caroline Vakil, July 9, 2022, 6:55 PM

The FBI announced on Saturday that it was looking into a "potential threat" against an

unidentified Texas synagogue months after a hostage situation took place at a synagogue in the state. "The FBI is investigating a potential threat targeting an unidentified synagogue in Texas. We are working to determine the credibility of the threat and sharing information with our law enforcement partners and our partners in the Jewish community," the FBI said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KABB-Fox \(San Antonio, TX\)](#), [Laredo Morning Times \(Laredo, TX\)](#)

Salisbury Post (Salisbury, NC): **Suspect arrested in Kannapolis homicide at daycare**, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 8:29 PM

U.S. Marshals made an arrest Saturday in the June killings of two people of a daycare operating at a James Street residence. Officials had responded to a report of gunfire at a house in the 200 block of James Street on June 2. Sharon Chambers, 61, and her nephew, Benny Sloan, Jr., 46, were found dead from injuries. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBTV-CBS \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WCCB-CW \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

Vallejo Times-Herald (Vallejo, CA): **Two men charged for alleged federal bribery, conspiracy with Vallejo official**, Thomas Gase, July 9, 2022, 6:18 PM (EDT)

The City of Vallejo announced that it assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an investigation that led to two men being charged with federal bribery and conspiracy after allegedly paying a city building inspector to look the other way concerning the growth of illegal marijuana. According to a Friday news release, in early to mid-2020, the city contacted the FBI to report an attempted bribe of city officials. As a result, the city and city employees assisted the FBI in an investigation into an illegal marijuana grow operation within the Vallejo city limits. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSIL-ABC (Harrisburg, IL): **US Marshals apprehend 13 sex offenders in Iowa wanted for crimes against children**, Alaa Elassar, July 9, 2022, 5:14 PM (EDT)

The US Marshals Service has arrested 13 of the most wanted sex offenders in Iowa, authorities say. All of the fugitives were non-compliant with Iowa's Sex Offender Registry, and seven had former convictions for "crimes against children under the age of 13," US Marshals said in a news release on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: **Biden Administration Asks Supreme Court to Rule on Immigration Enforcement**, Jess Bravin and Michelle Hackman, July 8, 2022, 5:36 PM

The Biden administration asked the Supreme Court Friday to reinstate immigration enforcement guidelines that a lower court blocked after Texas and Louisiana filed suit arguing that the policy lets too many noncitizens with criminal records go free while their cases are processed. The guidelines focus detention efforts on noncitizens deemed to threaten national security, public safety and border security. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [Roll Call](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Times](#)

Reuters: **States' top lawyers ask Supreme Court to review charity-only class settlements**, Alison Frankel, July 8, 2022, 4:12 PM

State attorneys general are once again calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to restrict the use of charitable donations as an alternative to class payouts in class action settlements. Led by Arizona's Mark Brnovich, 20 state AGs filed an amicus brief on Thursday, backing a petition for Supreme Court review of a \$13 million privacy class-action settlement that called for Google Inc to donate money to universities and non-profits dedicated to internet privacy issues instead of paying the funds to class members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Brett Kavanaugh is the latest target of protests at D.C. restaurants, Emily Heil and Tim Carman, July 8, 2022, 4:13 PM

After the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the fundamental right to abortion, comedian Samantha Bee floated a plan for targeting the conservatives on the court who made up the majority opinion: “We have to raise hell — in our cities, in Washington, in every restaurant Justice Alito eats at for the rest of his life,” she implored viewers of her late-night show, “Full Frontal with Samantha Bee.” “Because if Republicans have made our lives hell, it’s time to return the favor.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

WGBH (Boston, MA): Mass. marijuana equity advocates say federal action would ‘level the playing field’, Kana Ruhalter, July 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

After a six-month wait, the Department of Justice finally responded to Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Cory Booker’s letter to the White House asking President Joe Biden’s administration to effectively decriminalize marijuana and pardon all non-violent cannabis-related offenses. Warren’s office called the 230-word, half-page response “extraordinarily disappointing” and issued another statement with five fellow senators on Wednesday urging the administration to take federal action. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

NYT: At 79, Biden Is Testing the Boundaries of Age and the Presidency, Peter Baker, July 10, 2022, 6:38 PM

When President Biden leaves Tuesday night for a four-day swing through the Middle East, he will presumably be more rested than he would have been had he followed the original plan.

The trip was initially tacked onto another journey last month to Europe, which would have made for an arduous 10-day overseas trek until it became clear to Mr. Biden’s team that such extended travel might be unnecessarily taxing for a 79-year-old president, or “crazy,” as one official put it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Impassioned Biden signs order on abortion access, Seung Min Kim, Zeke Miller, and Chris Megerian, July 8, 2022, 6:43 PM

President Joe Biden on Friday condemned the “extreme” Supreme Court majority that ended a constitutional right to abortion and delivered an impassioned plea for Americans upset by the decision to “vote, vote, vote vote” in November. Under mounting pressure from fellow Democrats to be more forceful in response to the ruling, he signed an executive order to try to protect access to the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: U.S. women should be wary of period-tracking apps, White House says, Jeff Mason, July 8, 2022, 1:47 PM

Women in the United States should be wary of apps that track their menstrual periods after the rollback of federal abortion rights, a White House official said Friday. “I think people should be really careful about that,” Jen Klein, the director of the White House’s Gender Policy Council told reporters Friday, when asked whether the administration recommended that women delete such apps. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [EDITORIAL] What the Biden Administration Could Do Now to Protect Abortion Rights, Editorial Board, July 8, 2022, 6:36 PM

Less than three weeks have passed since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and already chaos reigns. Several states are moving to ban abortion almost completely, abortion-rights proponents are challenging those bans in court and in some cases, judges have been asked to issue injunctions that could, for a time, prevent the bans from going into effect.

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NYT: More Than 1,000 Protesters at White House Call on Biden to Protect Abortion Rights, Stephanie Lai and Ava Sasani, July 9, 2022, 4:42 PM

One day after President Biden issued an executive order designed to ensure access to abortion medication and emergency contraception, more than a thousand protesters gathered in front of the White House, with hundreds risking arrest by sitting at the building's gates, to urge Mr. Biden to do more. Despite rainy weather and the threat of flash flooding in the area on Saturday, the protesters sat on the wet concrete wearing green bandannas that read "bans off our bodies" and chanting "Disobey!" and "My body, my choice!"

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WaPo: The Democratic left is frustrated with Biden. How much could it matter?, Dan Balz, July 9, 2022, 2:13 PM

Two weeks after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, President Biden stood in the Roosevelt Room in the White House on Friday to announce an executive order aimed at preserving, where possible, the right to an abortion. The moment illustrated the tension between the president and a portion of his party's base frustrated by his leadership.

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CBS: Vice President Kamala Harris stresses need for "pro-choice Congress" to protect abortion rights, Melissa Quinn, July 10, 2022, 10:20 AM

Vice President Kamala Harris underscored the importance of voters casting their ballots in the November midterm elections for a "pro-choice Congress" that will enshrine the right to an abortion into law after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. In an interview with "Face the Nation" that aired Sunday, Harris said the ruling from the high court last month cleared the way for states to enact new laws restricting or outright banning abortion.

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WaPo: [OPINION] Joe Biden: Why I'm going to Saudi Arabia, Joe Biden, July 9, 2022, 6:35 PM

Next week, I'll travel to the Middle East to start a new and more promising chapter of America's engagement there. This trip comes at a vital time for the region, and it will advance important American interests. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Biden Brags There Are More Private-Sector Jobs Now Than Under Trump, Justin Sink, July 8, 2022, 10:06 AM

President Joe Biden said Friday's jobs report showed that "our private sector has recovered all of the jobs lost during the pandemic, and added jobs on top of that" but predicted employment gains would slow in the coming months as the country transitions to "stable growth." "We have more Americans working in the private sector today than any day during Donald Trump's Presidency -- more people than any time in our history," Biden said in a statement, adding that the employment situation left the US "uniquely well positioned to tackle a range of global economic challenges -- from global inflation to the economic fallout from Putin's war" in Ukraine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

NYT: The Fight Over Truth Also Has a Red State-Blue State Divide, Steven Lee Myers and Cecilia Kang, July 10, 2022, 5:00 AM

To fight disinformation, California lawmakers are advancing a bill that would force social media companies to divulge their process for removing false, hateful or extremist material from their platforms. Texas lawmakers, by contrast, want to ban the largest of the companies — Facebook, Twitter and YouTube — from removing posts because of political points of view. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. House panel to investigate companies sharing reproductive data, Rose Horowitz, July 8, 2022, 4:53 PM

A U.S. congressional committee has asked data brokers and personal health apps to explain how they handle users' reproductive health data amid concerns states will use the information to track patients seeking abortion where it is illegal. Democrats on the House of Representatives Oversight Committee said they were concerned that location data, search history and other information on mobile phones could create "digital bread crumbs" that reveal interest in an abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 8, 2022

- Japan's Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated as he gave a campaign speech for his party's candidate on Friday in Nara, Japan. The alleged suspect, 41 y/o Tetsuya Yamagami admitted to shooting Abe with a handmade firearm fashioned out of metal and wood. World leaders expressed condolences, President Biden stating, "I am stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened by the news that my friend Abe Shinzo, former Prime Minister of Japan, was shot and killed while campaigning." [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden under pressure signed an Executive Order aimed at protecting access to reproductive health services even while admitting his power on the issue was limited. Biden spoke of a 10y/o seeking an abortion having to travel to another state to obtain an abortion, urging women to vote for Democrats in the midterm to make the right to an abortion federal law. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Biden Administration is celebrating the June Jobs Report which noted 372K new jobs added with an unemployment rate of 3.6%, exceeding expectations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The first two funerals and a memorial service for 3 of the 7 victims shot and killed at the July 4th Highland Park parade. One of the youngest victims, 8 y/o Cooper Roberts is awake and off a ventilator asking for his twin brother who was wounded by shrapnel, even as the community attempts to come together and heal from the shootings. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone, a key witness to the chaos inside the West Wing as the events of Jan. 6 unfolded, testified in front of the House Jan. 6 Committee. Cipollone told the Jan. 6 Committee he would not discuss his direct conversations with former President Donald Trump but was expected to testify to the things he saw and heard on Jan. 6 and the days leading up to it. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US is sending an additional \$400 Million dollars in military aid to Ukraine. Ukraine has received 4 long range high precision rocket systems, as well as a thousand precision military rounds which may help tip the scales against the Russians. [[ABC](#)]
- Calls to bring Brittney Griner home have increased, 24 hours after Griner pled guilty to charges brought against her in Russia. Chelle Griner thanked President Biden for his hand delivered letter to Griner, while it was also revealed Biden called Paul Wheelan's sister [[ABC](#)]
- COVID cases are on the rise, fueled by the BA.5 Omicron strain, which appears to be 3 to 4 times resistant to antibodies, and is responsible for 53.6% of new infections. The rise in infections is forcing some cities to reconsider mask mandates. [[CBS](#)]
- As abortion laws change from state to state there are growing concerns regarding IVF and reproductive rights. Several clinics are working with women to transfer fertilized eggs of

women in states with restrictive abortion laws. [[NBC](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 09, 2022

- Thousands of protestors swarmed outside the White House demanding more action on abortion rights. The call to action came 24 hours after President Biden signed an Executive Order protecting reproductive rights, all of this as at least 14 states banned or severely restricted abortion. President Biden telling voters to vote for Democrats to get the votes to codify Roe v. Wade. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Japan, a 90 member task force is investigating the assassination of Japan's longest serving Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with questions regarding security lapses and how the gunman, Tetsuya Yamagami, could get so close to Abe. A vigil will be held for Abe on Monday and a funeral on Tuesday for family and close friends. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Sri Lanka Government is in turmoil as the Prime Minister and President vowed to resign as violent protestors stormed into Government offices, the Presidential Palace, and the Prime Minister's home. Demonstrations were taking place all over the country's worsening economic crisis and food shortages. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US announced sending a \$400 Million dollar package, including 4 long range high precision rocket systems allowing Ukraine to strike behind enemy lines. The US also promised precision guided shells for US provided Howitzers capable of hitting targets far away with deadly precision, as Russia's attacks continue to be unrelenting. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone met with the Jan. 6 committee for about eight hours answering questions as to what he saw in the White House in the events leading up to Jan. 6. Committee members state Cipollone was careful and honest, "did not contradict the testimony of other witnesses." [[ABC](#)]
- Businesses in Highland Park acted as Bunkers protecting fleeing people and providing a safe place from the shooter. [[CBS](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- In an Interview, GOP Rep. Adam Kinzinger tells that Trump White House counsel Pat Cipollone, who sat for a transcribed interview with the Jan. 6 Committee, didn't contradict previous testimony by other witnesses. "Anybody that wants to come in, that knows information to talk to the select committee, we welcome them to do so. We welcome them to do so under oath," Jan. 6 Committee member Rep. Adam Kinzinger tells. [[Watch](#)]
- President Biden delivered an emotional speech Friday announcing an array of steps aimed at bolstering abortion rights in the aftermath of a Supreme Court ruling that struck down the precedent set by Roe v. Wade. [[Watch](#)]

CBS Face the Nation with Robert Costa

- Vice President Kamala Harris spoke of gun violence; gun reform; abortion rights; the codifying of Roe v. Wade; voting rights; the Administration's plans to codify Roe v. Wade; Justice's misleading Senators; Brittany Griner and others imprisoned in Russia; Democracy on the ballot as the issue of midterm elections; police reform; speculation President Biden won't run for re-election in 2024; Texas Governor Abbot and immigration issues. [[Watch-1](#)] [[Watch-2](#)]

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- The Secretary of Commerce, Gina Raimondo discusses President Biden's plans to relieve economic pressure and the administration's views on abortion rights. Gina Raimondo says criticism of President Biden's performance after the Dobbs decision isn't justified. [[Watch](#), [Watch-2](#)]
- During an exclusive interview, Governor Larry Hogan discusses Republican views on former President Trump, the debate over gun violence and his plans for a potential presidential run. "I'm going all around the country helping people Trump is attacking and we're winning most of them." Hogan said. [[Watch](#)]
- Stephanie Murphy, member of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol, discusses testimony from former Trump White House counsel Pat Cipollone and questions over coordination between the White House and groups like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers. [[Watch](#)]

FOX News Sunday with Mike Emanuel

- "President bowed to pressure, signing an Executive Order protecting reproductive rights even as he made clear he had little power with the issue. This as Biden prepares for his trip to Saudi Arabia, penning a Washington Post Op-ed stating, he was looking to reorient not rupture long-standing relations with an important ally in the region." [[Watch](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

LAT: [OPINION] Prosecute Trump? Merrick Garland is investigating aggressively but prosecuting cautiously, Doyle McManus, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

The House committee on the Jan. 6, 2021, insurgency, whose hearings resume this week, has produced impressive evidence that could allow prosecutors to argue that former President Trump committed crimes as he tried to overturn the 2020 election. Thanks to the hearings, we now know more clearly that Trump tried to bully Vice President Mike Pence into blocking Congress' count of electoral votes, tried to bully Justice Department officials into declaring the election fraudulent even though they knew it wasn't and stood by with seeming approval while his armed supporters sacked the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

USA Today: Florida man sentenced to 20 years for trying to help ISIS with bomb-making video, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 4:11 PM

A Florida man accused of wanting to help ISIS by demonstrating how to make and use an explosive, was sentenced to prison for 20 years. Romeo Xavier Langhorne, 32, was charged with attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, and was also sentenced Thursday to 15 years of supervised release, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District of Florida. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Here's how North Korean operatives are trying to infiltrate US crypto firms, Sean Lyngaas, July 10, 2022, 12:02 AM

Devin, the founder of a cryptocurrency startup based in San Francisco, woke up one day in February to the most bizarre phone call of his life. The man on the other end, an FBI agent, told Devin that the seemingly legitimate software developer he'd hired the previous summer was a North Korean operative who'd sent tens of thousands of dollars of his salary to the country's authoritarian regime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Finger Lakes Times (Geneva, NY): Colorado man who served as a pastor faces charges in Jan. 6 riot, David Mullen, July 9, 2022, 5:44 PM

Federal prosecutors have charged a Colorado Springs man in connection with the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. Prosecutors in the District of Columbia charged Tyler Ethridge, 33, civil disorder, a felony, and related misdemeanor offenses. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (CT): Connecticut Ranks 19th For Data Breaches Costing Billions Of Dollars, Rich Kirby, July 9,

2022, 3:33 PM

Corporate data breaches have compromised the personal data of Connecticut residents, amounting to multi-billion-dollar losses, according to a new analysis of FBI internet crime data.

In Connecticut, corporations reporting data breaches from 2017-2021 have led to losses of \$11,592,098. The number of breaches has decreased by 77.78 percent, but the amount of money Connecticut corporations have been taken for has increased dramatically up 14.57 percent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WABE-NPR (Atlanta, GA): DOJ: Oath Keeper's 'death list' targeted Georgia elections official, Patrick Saunders, July 9, 2022, 2:26 PM

Federal prosecutors on Friday released new details about several Oath Keepers charged with seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, saying one co-defendant kept a "death list" that included the name of a Georgia elections official and their family member. The Justice Department cited the list in a previous filing in Feb. 2021, but did not reveal that it included a Georgia official until Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: Links between Trump associates, militants in focus of Jan. 6 hearings this week, Richard Cowan and Katanga Johnson, July 10, 2022, 12:24 PM

Congressional investigators into the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol expect this week to draw connections between militant groups that took part in the riot and government officials, possibly including then-President Donald Trump, a panel member said on Sunday. "We are going to be connecting the dots during these hearings between these groups and those who were trying in government circles to overturn the election," Democratic Representative Zoe Lofgren said on CNN's "State of the Union." [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: 4 days in January: Trump push for Capitol coda to 2020 vote, Lisa Mascaro, July 9, 2022, 2:58 PM

It would have been something never quite before seen in America a defeated president, Donald Trump, standing at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, with a mob of supporters, some armed, contesting the election outcome. [...] The Jan. 6 hearings are providing dramatic new insight about Trump's intentions as he told loyalists he would join them on a march down Pennsylvania Avenue to "fight like hell" for his presidency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Bannon says he will testify at public hearing as contempt trial looms, Isaac Stanley-Becker, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany, July 10, 2022, 11:04 AM

Former president Donald Trump sent a letter on Saturday to Stephen K. Bannon saying he will waive his claim of executive privilege if his former chief strategist can agree on terms to testify before the House select committee investigating the pro-Trump riot at the Capitol. The letter was quickly communicated to the House panel by Bannon's lawyer, Robert J. Costello, who said Bannon "is willing to, indeed prefers, to testify at your public hearing." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Questions Cipollone on Pardons and Trump's Election Claims, Luke Broadwater and Maggie Haberman, July 9, 2022, 3:46 PM

Pat A. Cipollone, who served as White House counsel for President Donald J. Trump, was asked detailed questions on Friday about pardons, false election fraud claims and the former president's pressure campaign against Vice President Mike Pence, according to three people familiar with his testimony before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. The panel did not press him to either corroborate or

contradict some specific details of explosive testimony by Cassidy Hutchinson, a former White House aide who captivated the country late last month with her account of an out-of-control president willing to embrace violence and stop at nothing to stay in power, the people said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Raskin says Cipollone gave "valuable" testimony to Jan. 6 committee, Melissa Quinn, July 10, 2022, 1:15 PM

Rep. Jamie Raskin, a member of the House select committee probing the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol, said Sunday that former White House counsel Pat Cipollone provided the panel with "valuable" testimony during a closed-door interview last week. "We're going to get to use a lot of Mr. Cipollone's testimony to corroborate other things we've learned along the way," Raskin told "Face the Nation" of the panel's upcoming hearings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

LAT: La Luz del Mundo dissidents pressure authorities, seek more charges against 'apostle', Libor Jany, July 10, 2022, 8:00 AM

Holding her sons tight, Deborah Contreras shuddered with sobs as the women in a Los Angeles courtroom recounted years of sexual abuse inflicted by the man they once believed was an "apostle" of Jesus Christ. [...] Local or even federal authorities could become involved if they could prove widespread reports that abuse allegations were ignored or covered up at the highest echelons of La Luz del Mundo, said Levenson, who has studied other recent clergy scandals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Rock Hill Herald (Rock Hill, SC): Convicted ex-Chester County sheriff Underwood, 2 deputies to be sentenced Monday, Andrew Dys and John Monk, July 10, 2022, 12:00 AM

More than a year after a South Carolina jury convicted him of corruption in office, former Chester County Sheriff Alex "Big A" Underwood is expected to find out Monday if he will go to prison. Sentencing by U.S. District Court Judge Michelle Childs for Underwood and two deputies is set for federal court Monday afternoon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Republican (Springfield, MA): Violence in Boston nonprofit shuts down amid federal fraud investigation into owners Monica Cannon-Grant, Clark Grant, Tom Matthews, July 9, 2022, 5:19 PM

The nonprofit Violence in Boston has shut down amid a federal fraud investigation into its husband and wife owners Monica Cannon-Grant and Clark Grant. Cannon-Grant announced the organization's closing in a Facebook post on Wednesday, July 6. [...] Cannon-Grant, 41, was arrested on Tuesday, March 15 morning following the pair's indictment by a federal grand jury on charges of defrauding Violence in Boston, its donors and the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance, according to the United States Attorney's office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mercury News (San Jose, CA): Fed grand jury indicts Vallejo man, 38, on drug, we, Richard Bammer, July 9, 2022, 7:40 PM (EDT)

A federal grand jury on Friday in Sacramento returned a two-count indictment against a 38-year-old Vallejo man, charging him with possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of a firearm, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California said. Christopher Matthew Rougeau will return to court for a status conference at 9 a.m. Aug. 22, when he will face Senior Judge William B. Shubb. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVII: Man sentenced to 41 months for triple manslaughter charges, Clark Grant, Beth Jones, July 10, 2022, 2:00 AM

A man from New Jersey was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Bangor Friday to roughly three-and-a-half years in prison for an alcohol related crash that killed three people. According to the U.S. Attorney, 30-year-old Praneeth Manubolu, was sentenced to 41 months in prison and 3 years of supervised release. Manubolu pleaded guilty Jan. 31, 2022 to charges including three counts of manslaughter, two counts of operating under the influence, and one count of unsafe operation of a motor vehicle. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): 2 Indiana men charged with trafficking, making fentanyl-laced 'fake' pills, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 10:45 PM

Two southern Indiana men are facing federal charges for obtaining "pound quantities" of fentanyl powder and using a pill press to make fentanyl-laced "fake pills," Drug Enforcement Administration officials said. A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Ethan Parker, 29, of Evansville, and Joshua Harvey, 30, of Evansville, with conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, illegal distribution of a tableting machine, and illegal possession of a tableting machine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOTV-CBS (Tulsa, OK): Claremore Man Receives 15-Year Prison Sentence For Rape, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 8:45 PM (EDT)

A Claremore man is going to federal prison for 15 years for raping a woman in 2018. Investigators said Travis Condry and the woman knew each other and the sexual encounter began consensually, but she quickly changed her mind. Condry recorded audio of the assault on his phone. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOTV-CBS (Tulsa, OK): Inmate Convicted Of Murdering Cellmate At McAlester Prison, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 8:39 PM (EDT)

A man serving a life sentence in prison for manslaughter has now been convicted of murder while in prison. A federal jury found William Brown guilty of killing his cellmate, Mark Lawhead, by beating and strangling him. It happened in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester in 2019. Brown was a member of the Indian Brotherhood prison gang and prosecutors said he committed the murder to boost his reputation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KETK-NBC (Jacksonville, TX): Elementary teacher sentenced for receiving child pornography from overseas, Steven Masso, July 9, 2022, 6:17 PM (EDT)

An elementary school teacher was sentenced for receiving child pornography from the Phillipines. Rico Giovanni Machietto was sentenced to 80 months in federal prison for receiving child pornography, according to a release from Cameron County District Attorney Luis V. Saenz. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Hampton man sentenced for COVID-19 loan fraud while in halfway house, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 4:43 PM

A Hampton man was sentenced Thursday for falsely applying for loans intended to grant COVID-19 relief to small businesses. According to court documents, in August 2020 and January and February 2021, 44-year-old Marlon McKnight, falsely applied for four loans administered by the Small Business Administration. He was sentenced to 27 months in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] The new threat to good schooling for minority Americans, Rann Miller, July 10, 2022, 6:00 AM

The school shooting in Uvalde, Tex., generated international attention to the vulnerability of children,

particularly children of color, in a state with few gun regulations. But gun violence is not the only threat students of color are facing in the classroom. Shortly after the May leak of the Supreme Court's majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the case that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Gov. Greg Abbott (R-Tex.) wondered whether *Plyler v. Doe* — the landmark decision that requires states to offer public education free of charge to all children, including children of undocumented migrants — could be next.

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USA Today: Prison guards forced a Black inmate to chop off his dreadlocks. Now he's suing, Tami Abdollah, July 10, 2022, 5:46 AM

The House committee on the Jan. 6, 2021, insurgency, whose hearings resume this week, has produced impressive evidence that could allow prosecutors to argue that former President Trump committed crimes as he tried to overturn the 2020 election. Thanks to the hearings, we now know more clearly that Trump tried to bully Vice President Mike Pence into blocking Congress' count of electoral votes, tried to bully Justice Department officials into declaring the election fraudulent even though they knew it wasn't and stood by with seeming approval while his armed supporters sacked the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Epoch Times: Hawaii Veteran Pleads With 9th Circuit to Comply With Supreme Court's Second Amendment Ruling, Matthew Vadum, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

A 72-year-old Vietnam War veteran is asking an appeals court to speed up processing of a gun permit he first sought 11 years ago now that the Supreme Court has ruled Hawaii's gun-permitting system is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court determined June 23 that there is a constitutional right to carry firearms in public for self-defense. On June 30 it found Hawaii's burdensome permitting process violates the Second Amendment and ordered the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to review the man's case, but it has not wrapped up the case and it is unclear when it will do so. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Des Moines Register (Des Moines, IA): [OPINION] Why Iowa needs a new law to protect your right to free expression on matters of public concern, Carol Hunter, July 10, 2022, 7:30 AM

As the Des Moines Register's William Morris reported last week, metro restaurateur Steve McFadden, owner of establishments such as the Topsy Crow, Grumpy Goat and Dough Mama's Pizzeria, has filed lawsuits against at least 11 people, accusing them of defamation and invasion of privacy. Several defendants have filed counterclaims accusing McFadden of misusing the legal process to pursue unrelated grudges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Daily Caller: 'Empty Promises': Border Patrol Agents Lose Faith In Biden Admin After Debunked Whipping Allegations, Brianna Lyman, July 9, 2022, 10:49 PM

The Daily Caller News Foundation's (DCNF) Jennie Taer said border patrol agents do not believe the Biden administration has their backs after the DCNF reported that the agents accused of whipping migrants will still be punished even after the allegations were proven false. Speaking Friday on NewsNation, Taer was asked how border patrol agents are feeling in light of the disciplinary measures and whether agents feel the Biden Administration has their back. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Florida PhoenixNews (Tallahassee, FL): Courts take the lead role as U.S. immigration policy remains in limbo, Ariana Figueroa, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

Eighteen months into the Biden administration, immigration reform has stalled despite campaign promises to reform the system, with the most recent movement on immigration policy doled out by the U.S. Supreme

Court and in lower federal courts. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Biden administration in a 5-4 decision on June 30 that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security did not violate federal immigration law when it moved to end the Trump administration's "Remain in Mexico" policy, known as the Migrant Protection Protocols. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): **Arizona police investigating sex trafficking at massage parlor solicited sex acts from potential victims: report**, Katherine Tangalakis-Lippert, July 9, 2022, 9:48 PM

During the course of an investigation into possible sex trafficking in Arizona massage parlors, two Flagstaff Police Department officers repeatedly allowed or solicited sexual contact from women who may have been trafficking victims, ABC 15 reported. The months-long investigation, called "Operation High Country Hydra" by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents who were jointly involved in the operation, sought information about suspected human trafficking, sex trafficking and prostitution in massage businesses.

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MyNewsLA (Los Angeles, CA): **Man Allegedly Caught Smuggling Fentanyl, Meth to Seek Bail Reduction**, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 6:09 PM (EDT)

A 20-year-old man accused of hauling large quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl into Riverside County will ask a judge Monday to consider lowering his bail so he can get out of jail.

Joshua Lamar Chamberlain was arrested last month by U.S. Border Patrol agents in Indio following a traffic stop on Interstate 10. Chamberlain is charged with distribution of controlled substances, transportation of illegal narcotics and two counts of possession of controlled substances for sale, with sentence-enhancing allegations of possessing in excess of 20 kilograms of illegal drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): **Customs & Border Protection recap the week's drug seizures**, Luis Barrio, July 9, 2022, 5:56 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers working at El Paso area ports of entry seized fentanyl, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine over the last week. The week included a mix of concealment methods utilized to hide drugs. Regardless of the methods employed by smugglers CBP officers were up to the challenge and prevented these drug loads from entering the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette: **Michigan seeks details on pipeline plan**, Rann Miller, July 10, 2022, 1:00 AM

A Michigan regulatory panel said Thursday that it needs more information about safety risks before it can rule on Enbridge Energy's plan to extend an oil pipeline through a tunnel beneath a waterway linking two of the Great Lakes. [...] Enbridge is defying Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's 2020 order to shut down the line, a move long sought by environmental groups and Native American tribes who fear a rupture would devastate the lakes. The company says the line is in good condition and contends in a federal lawsuit that the Democratic governor doesn't have the jurisdiction to shut it down. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): **Convicted felon, former US Rep. Corrine Brown on why she's running for Congress again**, Justin Warmoth, July 10, 2022, 8:52 AM

One month after pleading guilty to one count of tax evasion, longtime U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown filed to run for Congress again. The former Democratic congresswoman from Jacksonville was facing retrial after her

conviction on 18 counts of fraud and corruption was overturned on appeal. As part of the plea agreement with the U.S. Justice Department, Brown was given time served and ordered to pay restitution to the IRS.

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FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Remains found in eastern Indiana in 2003 those of Ohio man, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 8:48 PM

A man whose body was found nearly 19 years ago behind an abandoned gas station in eastern Indiana has been identified. The man was Daniel Diaz of Columbus, Ohio, and he was born Sept. 18, 1977, Henry County Coroner Stacey Guffey said Saturday, making him 26 at the time his body was found Oct. 2, 2003, near the Interstate 70 interchange with State Road 109. [...] "In February, I was notified by the FBI that a fingerprint confirmation was made, Guffey said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBNS-CBS \(Columbus, OH\)](#), [WTTV-CBS \(Bloomington, IN\)](#)

Fox: Federal agents in California seize record breaking 5,000 pounds of meth crossing from Mexico, Andrew Mark Miller, July 9, 2022, 8:18 PM

Four men have been charged with federal drug trafficking after authorities seized a record-breaking 5,000 pounds of methamphetamine in southern California. The U.S. Attorney's Office said in a press release that federal agents observed a 20-foot box truck cross into the United States from Mexico through a San Diego area port of entry around 5 p.m. on Thursday night. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WWCP-Fox \(Johnstown, PA\)](#)

The Hill: FBI investigates 'potential threat' against Texas synagogue, Caroline Vakil, July 9, 2022, 6:55 PM

The FBI announced on Saturday that it was looking into a "potential threat" against an unidentified Texas synagogue months after a hostage situation took place at a synagogue in the state. "The FBI is investigating a potential threat targeting an unidentified synagogue in Texas. We are working to determine the credibility of the threat and sharing information with our law enforcement partners and our partners in the Jewish community," the FBI said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KABB-Fox \(San Antonio, TX\)](#), [Laredo Morning Times \(Laredo, TX\)](#)

Boston Herald (Boston, MA): Springfield Armory to regain lost marksmanship medals won in the late 1800s by Massachusetts Volunteer Militia members, Flint McColgan, July 9, 2022, 8:30 PM

In the late 19th century, the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia had at least two world-class crack shot members brothers Milan Bull and Freeman Bull whose marksmanship medals disappeared from The Springfield Armory sometime in the 1990s. Now the feds have seized them back. "Massachusetts is the birthplace of the American Revolution, a war that gained our nation's independence. Protecting and preserving artifacts of our Commonwealth's history is of fundamental importance to this," said Rachael Rollins, the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts. "The recovery of these important artifacts is the result of the excellent collaborative work between my office's Asset Recovery Unit, the FBI, and the National Park Service." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Salisbury Post (Salisbury, NC): Suspect arrested in Kannapolis homicide at daycare, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 8:29 PM

U.S. Marshals made an arrest Saturday in the June killings of two people of a daycare operating at a James Street residence. Officials had responded to a report of gunfire at a house in the 200 block of James Street on June 2. Sharon Chambers, 61, and her nephew, Benny Sloan, Jr., 46, were found dead from injuries.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBTV-CBS \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WCCB-CW \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

Vallejo Times-Herald (Vallejo, CA): **Two men charged for alleged federal bribery, conspiracy with Vallejo official**, Thomas Gase, July 9, 2022, 6:18 PM (EDT)

The City of Vallejo announced that it assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an investigation that led to two men being charged with federal bribery and conspiracy after allegedly paying a city building inspector to look the other way concerning the growth of illegal marijuana. According to a Friday news release, in early to mid-2020, the city contacted the FBI to report an attempted bribe of city officials. As a result, the city and city employees assisted the FBI in an investigation into an illegal marijuana grow operation within the Vallejo city limits. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSIL-ABC (Harrisburg, IL): **US Marshals apprehend 13 sex offenders in Iowa wanted for crimes against children**, Alaa Elassar, July 9, 2022, 5:14 PM (EDT)

The US Marshals Service has arrested 13 of the most wanted sex offenders in Iowa, authorities say. All of the fugitives were non-compliant with Iowa's Sex Offender Registry, and seven had former convictions for "crimes against children under the age of 13," US Marshals said in a news release on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

NYT: **[OPINION] If Only John Roberts Would Retire**, Pamela Paul, July 10, 2022, 6:00 AM

If liberal dreams so endearing, so enduring really did come true, Chief Justice John Roberts would resign. He's been at it for 17 years. And he's been incapable of tempering the Federalist Society-stamped fanatics on the right or leading the court toward any semblance of justice for all. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: **[OPINION] What a Reckoning at the Supreme Court Could Look Like**, Ezra Klein, July 10, 2022, 6:00 AM

Late in the lead-up to the 2020 presidential election, as Mitch McConnell rushed to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg with Amy Coney Barrett, the left began pushing Joe Biden to endorse adding seats to the Supreme Court. Biden, in response, did what politicians do when faced with an issue they don't want to think about: He promised to create a commission to study the issue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: **[OPINION] The Supreme Court's impact on the midterms and American democracy**, Douglas E. Schoen, July 10, 2022, 9:30 AM

The Supreme Court has just concluded what will most likely be remembered as one of the most consequential terms in modern history. The Supreme Court's 6-3 conservative majority delivered major victories for the right's agenda on abortion, guns, and environmental regulations that were in many ways at odds with the American public's own views. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: **[VIDEO] The Debrief: Conn Carroll on protecting the safety of Supreme Court justices from protesters**, Unattributed, July 9 2022, 6:00 PM

Washington Examiner Commentary Editor Conn Carroll joins Sarah Westwood to discuss the lack of assistance from Congress or the Biden administration on protecting the safety of Supreme Court justices.

[\[Watch\]](#)

OPIOID CRISIS

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pittsburgh, PA): **[EDITORIAL] Editorial: Opioid lawsuit should support effective drug treatment**, Editorial Board, July 10, 2022, 11:00 AM

Allegheny County sued CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens this week, alleging the pharmacies knowingly flooded the market with prescription painkillers and contributed to the local and national opioid epidemic. The lawsuit is one of thousands filed nationwide in recent years to collect damages stemming from a public health crisis that has killed more than a half million people. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: **Biden defends decision to visit Saudi Arabia, says rights are on his agenda**, Nandita Bose, July 10, 2022, 12:27 AM

President Joe Biden on Saturday defended his decision to travel to Saudi Arabia saying human rights would be on his agenda as he gave a preview of a trip on which he aims to reset ties with the crown prince, who he previously denounced as a pariah. Biden will hold bilateral talks with Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz and his leadership team, including Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on his visit to the Middle East next week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: **Biden weighs authority to declare abortion-related public health emergency**, Nandita Bose, July 10, 2022, 12:16 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Sunday said he has asked his administration to consider whether he has authority to declare an abortion-related public health emergency after the Supreme Court overturned the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide. The comments come after Biden on Friday signed an executive order to ease access to services to terminate pregnancies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: **In Mideast, Biden struggling to shift policy after Trump**, Aamer Madhani and Darlene Superville, July 10, 2022, 9:14 AM

Joe Biden took office looking to reshape U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, putting a premium on promoting democracy and human rights. In reality, he has struggled on several fronts to meaningfully separate his approach from former President Donald Trump's. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston Globe](#), [Breitbart](#)

AP: **US eyes counter-China moves in Southeast Asia**, Matthew Lee, July 10, 2022, 12:21 AM

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is visiting Thailand as the Biden administration moves to show its commitment to Southeast Asia in the face of a relentless push for influence in the region from China. Blinken was meeting with senior Thai officials and democracy activists from neighboring Myanmar on Sunday in Bangkok. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: **Biden Says Emergency to Defend Abortion Rights Is Still on Table**, Nancy Cook, July 10, 2022,, 12:27 PM

President Joe Biden said he has asked his team to explore the possibility of declaring a public health emergency to safeguard abortion rights after the US Supreme Court overturned the Roe v. Wade decision. "I've asked the folks on the medical -- people in the administration to look at whether I have the authority to do that and what impact it would have," Biden told reporters on Sunday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: **Biden Will Find a Changed Middle East on His Coming Visit**, Patrick Kingsley, July 10, 2022, 11:46 AM

When President Biden arrives in the Middle East this week, on his first visit as American head of state, he will

find a region where alliances, priorities and relations with the United States have shifted significantly since his last official trip, six years ago. His visit opens in Israel and the occupied West Bank, once at the center of American policy in the Middle East, and is expected to focus on Israel's fast-strengthening ties with Arab countries and an emerging Arab-Israeli military partnership to combat threats from Iran. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Biden Says Action on China Import Tariffs Still Being Discussed, Nancy Cook and Leah Nylan, July 10, 2022, 10:00 AM

President Joe Biden said his administration is still discussing possible action on US tariffs on Chinese imports, after Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said she expects a decision "shortly." "No, we are having further discussions on that," Biden told reporters in Delaware on Sunday when asked if there was a decision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Saudi trip captures competing demands of rights agenda, 'great power' contest

Image without a caption, Missy Ryan, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

The Biden administration faces an intensifying reckoning over its record on human rights as the emergence of a bellicose Russia and an increasingly powerful China places new, often discordant demands on President Biden's promise to place American ideals at the center of U.S. dealings with the world. Biden's talks with Middle Eastern leaders this week will offer a vivid demonstration of the competing considerations between that pledge and what officials describe as an existential 'great power' contest most starkly in the president's encounter with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whom the U.S. government blamed for the brutal 2018 killing of journalist and U.S. resident Jamal Khashoggi. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: At 79, Biden Is Testing the Boundaries of Age and the Presidency, Peter Baker, July 10, 2022, 6:38 PM

When President Biden leaves Tuesday night for a four-day swing through the Middle East, he will presumably be more rested than he would have been had he followed the original plan.

The trip was initially tacked onto another journey last month to Europe, which would have made for an arduous 10-day overseas trek until it became clear to Mr. Biden's team that such extended travel might be unnecessarily taxing for a 79-year-old president, or "crazy," as one official put it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion Joe Biden: Why I'm going to Saudi Arabia, Joe Biden, July 9, 2022, 6:35 PM

Next week, I'll travel to the Middle East to start a new and more promising chapter of America's engagement there. This trip comes at a vital time for the region, and it will advance important American interests. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Biden-Xi Call Likely to Take Place in Coming Weeks, Blinken Says, Iain Marlow

July 10, 2022, 6:15 AM

US President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping are set to speak again in the coming weeks, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Sunday. Blinken spoke with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi a day earlier for more than five hours to help lay the groundwork for a call between the leaders. While Biden said last month he would speak with Xi "soon," Blinken suggested it was getting closer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Biden's Quest for Saudi Oil Faces Reality-Check of Slim Capacity, Grant Smith, July 10, 2022, 4:00 AM

Even if Joe Biden secures a pledge for more oil when he visits Saudi Arabia this week, it may do little to drive down the high fuel prices roiling the global economy. The US president's visit to a country he once vowed to

isolate represents a significant thawing of relations, but the Saudis and their OPEC partners have limited spare production capacity to offer in return for this political concession. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Three-star general who mocked Jill Biden is suspended, Meena Venkataramanan, July 9, 2022, 5:41 PM

The U.S. Army has suspended retired Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky, its former head of communications, from his mentorship role and placed him under investigation after he posted a tweet that appeared to mock first lady Jill Biden's tweet about the Supreme Court's recent decision on abortion. The tweet was in response to Biden's June 24 tweet about the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, in which the first lady lamented the decision's impact on women. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: More Than 1,000 Protesters at White House Call on Biden to Protect Abortion Rights, Stephanie Lai and Ava Sasani, July 9, 2022, 4:42 PM

One day after President Biden issued an executive order designed to ensure access to abortion medication and emergency contraception, more than a thousand protesters gathered in front of the White House, with hundreds risking arrest by sitting at the building's gates, to urge Mr. Biden to do more. Despite rainy weather and the threat of flash flooding in the area on Saturday, the protesters sat on the wet concrete wearing green bandannas that read "bans off our bodies" and chanting "Disobey!" and "My body, my choice!" [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Two long weeks: Inside Biden's struggle to respond to abortion ruling, Ashley Parker, Yasmeen Abutaleb and Tyler Pager, July 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

Three days after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, President Biden used a break between Group of Seven summit meetings at the luxury Schloss Elmau resort in Germany to get an update on the stunning and sudden loss of abortion rights for millions of Americans back home. Huddling with top aides, including some who dialed in from the White House, Biden declared at the outset of the call that he wanted to endorse ending the Senate filibuster to codify Roe into law, a position he so far had refused to take, angering many Democrats in the process. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: The Democratic left is frustrated with Biden. How much could it matter?, Dan Balz, July 9, 2022, 2:13 PM

Two weeks after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, President Biden stood in the Roosevelt Room in the White House on Friday to announce an executive order aimed at preserving, where possible, the right to an abortion. The moment illustrated the tension between the president and a portion of his party's base frustrated by his leadership. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Vice President Kamala Harris stresses need for "pro-choice Congress" to protect abortion rights, Melissa Quinn, July 10, 2022, 10:20 AM

Vice President Kamala Harris underscored the importance of voters casting their ballots in the November midterm elections for a "pro-choice Congress" that will enshrine the right to an abortion into law after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. In an interview with "Face the Nation" that aired Sunday, Harris said the ruling from the high court last month cleared the way for states to enact new laws restricting or outright banning abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [OPINION] Opinion: Biden is heading to the Middle East for one simple reason, Aaron David Miller, July 10, 2022, 9:43 AM

Presidential visits to the Middle East come in all different shapes and sizes. Exhausted and ill but enamored of kings, deserts and oil, President Franklin D. Roosevelt met King Ibn Saud, founder of modern Saudi Arabia, on his way home from Yalta in 1945. In 1974, Richard Nixon, the first sitting US president to visit both Israel and the Arab states, took what proved to be a farewell foray two months before he resigned the presidency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Republican, Democratic strategists weigh in on what Biden needs to change to stop GOP in November, Jayme Chandler and Thomas Phippen, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

Midterms are just four months away, and President Biden's approval ratings are at a historical low spelling trouble for Democrats seeking to maintain slim majorities in Congress. Numerous polls have indicated the economy, inflation and high prices for gas and food are the top concern of voters, and a Fox News poll from June shows a more voters trust Republicans over Democrats to address economic concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New York Magazine: Democrats Have a Biden Problem, Ross Barkan, July 10, 2022, 9:00 AM

Donald Trump is so hungry for a comeback that he's reportedly willing to kick off a presidential campaign before the midterm elections, violating decades of political orthodoxy and potentially costing himself campaign cash. The damning revelations of the January 6 hearings are no deterrent he wants another shot at Joe Biden, and he's probably going to get it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Biden's Middle East policy shows echoes of Trump, Laura Kelly and Morgan Chalfant, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

President Biden's trip to Israel and Saudi Arabia next week is expected to show how the administration is putting its stamp on relations with the region, but some experts argue the president has largely continued the policies of former President Trump in the Middle East. Biden sought to reverse Trump's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal, but absent reviving the agreement, is leaning into closer coordination between Israel, Saudi Arabia and the anti-Iran coalition in the region to deter an Iranian nuclear threat. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden bogeyman: White House escalates attacks on Supreme Court over abortion, Naomi Lim, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

President Joe Biden and his White House aides are increasingly venting their frustrations with the Supreme Court for overturning Roe v. Wade, putting the decision on the ballot in the midterm elections. But the condemnations, at odds with Biden's reputation for defending institutions, cements a precedent for politicizing the highest court in the land when he promised to encourage unity and a return to civility if elected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden sets up legal battle with red states over abortion pills, Cassidy Morrison, July 10, 2022, 7:00 AM

Anti-abortion advocates are gearing up to fight President Joe Biden's pledge to secure access to abortion-inducing medication by exercising his federal authority over states that have restrictions in place. Biden signed an executive order Friday aimed at bolstering access to abortion now that the Supreme Court ruled in the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization that the Constitution does not guarantee the right to abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Teachers unions say Biden plan to recruit 250,000 tutors supports public schools, July 10, 2022, 6:00 AM

A Biden administration plan to recruit 250,000 tutors was unveiled with the blessing of the nation's two largest teachers unions, which believe the effort will drive a "groundswell of support" for public schools. The

administration announced the "National Partnership for Student Success" earlier this week, claiming it was a necessary effort to help students make up for lost learning caused by pandemic school closures. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Washington Examiner: **Biden's woke attack on energy***, Jessica Anderson, July 10, 2022, 12:00 AM
Saule Omarova, whom President Joe Biden picked to regulate the banking industry, opened a new front in the relentless campaign of woke capital last May. Speaking about oil and gas companies, she stated that "the way we basically get rid of those carbon financiers is we starve them of their sources of capital." Omarova's threat to weaponize banking rules against traditional energy companies wasn't just talk. It was the most public admission yet of a behind-the-scenes strategy growing in power on the Left. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill: **Bidens wish Muslims celebrating Eid al-Adha 'a joyous holiday'***, Caroline Vakil, July 9, 2022, 5:15 PM

President Biden said on Saturday that he and first lady Jill Biden wished "a joyous holiday" to Muslims in the United States and around the world who are observing the holiday of Eid al-Adha. "Jill and I send our warmest greetings to Muslims across the United States and around the world celebrating Eid al-Adha. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Caller: **Biden Admin Funnels Taxpayer Dollars Into 'Programming Curriculum' For Transgender Inmates***, Reagan Reese, July 9, 2022, 3:26 PM ET

The Department of Justice invested almost \$1.5 million of taxpayer dollars into a "transgender programming curriculum" focused on transgender inmates' needs. The curriculum is designed to help transgender inmates with their gender "identity," sexual health and safety, according to a summary of the government contract. Though it's unclear if the curriculum has been implemented, the program could be available for up to 1,200 transgender inmates, according to Justice Department estimates. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill: **Harris says Democrats believed 'certain issues were just settled' when asked about failure to codify Roe v. Wade***, Jared Gans, July 9, 2022, 3:12 PM

Vice President Harris said Democrats believed Roe v. Wade to be a settled issue when asked about party lawmakers' failure to codify abortion protections into federal law over the past 50 years. "We certainly believed that certain issues are just settled," Harris told CBS News's Robert Costa, in an interview that was shown on "CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell" on Friday and will be shown on "Face the Nation" on Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Washington Examiner: **Texas AG demands Biden apologize to border agents over 'whipping' claim***, Jenny Goldsberry, July 9, 2022, 2:41 PM

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has demanded an apology from President Joe Biden for perpetuating the story of Border Patrol agents whipping Haitian migrants in 2021. "I just think it's really wrong," Paxton said Friday of the White House's characterization of the story. "I would expect instead that Joe Biden and some of these political leaders should come out and actually apologize to these guys for what they've been through." [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Washington Examiner: **Biden speaks with Whelan family after outcry over 'uneven' Griner treatment***, Mike Brest, July 9, 2022, 2:30 PM

President Joe Biden spoke with the family of an American wrongfully detained in Russia a day after there was an outcry because he communicated with the family of another American imprisoned there. Biden spoke with Cherelle Griner, the wife of WNBA superstar Brittney Griner, on Thursday following a significant public push for such a call from the president, though the family of Paul Whelan, an American who is serving a 16-year

prison sentence for allegedly being a U.S. spy, expressed frustration with what Elizabeth Whelan, his sister, described as "uneven" treatment for the families of Americans wrongfully detained abroad. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Santa Barbara News-Press (Santa Barbara, CA): Biden administration is withholding Hunter Biden documents, oversight Republican says, Casey Harper, July 10, 2022, Ranking Member of the House Oversight Committee Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., sent a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen this week alleging that the federal agency is withholding documents that detail the foreign transactions conducted by the president's son, Hunter Biden. Mr. Biden has been the focus of controversy for his foreign business dealings, especially how his father may have been involved. He is currently under investigation by the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KAKE-ABC (Wichita, KS): President Biden angers environmental groups with decision on Alaska oil drilling, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 10:26 PM (EDT) The Biden administration has taken a key step forward on a controversial proposed oil drilling project in Alaska's North Slope, angering climate advocates who say the project would release tons of emissions and doom the President's climate goals. The US Department of Interior released a draft environmental impact statement for the ConocoPhillips oil drilling project, known as Willow, on Friday night. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

NYT: The Fight Over Truth Also Has a Red State-Blue State Divide, Steven Lee Myers and Cecilia Kang, July 10, 2022, 5:00 AM

To fight disinformation, California lawmakers are advancing a bill that would force social media companies to divulge their process for removing false, hateful or extremist material from their platforms. Texas lawmakers, by contrast, want to ban the largest of the companies Facebook, Twitter and YouTube from removing posts because of political points of view. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Durbin says its 'not realistic' to consider impeaching Clarence Thomas, Brad Dress, July 10, 2022, 10:51 AM

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said on Sunday said it would be "a mistake" to impeach Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who has drawn national scorn for suggesting the court reconsider case precedents that affirmed the constitutional right to same-sex marriage, contraception and the right to privacy in the bedroom. "I don't think it's realistic," Durbin told "Fox News Sunday" anchor Mike Emanuel. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 09, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Weekend News with Adriana Diaz

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

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Thousands of protestors swarmed outside the White House demanding more action on abortion rights. The call to action came 24 hours after President Biden signed an Executive Order protecting reproductive rights, all of this as at least 14 states banned or severely restricted abortion. President Biden telling voters to vote for Democrats to get the votes to codify Roe v. Wade. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- In Japan, a 90 member task force is investigating the assassination of Japan's longest serving Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with questions regarding security lapses and how the gunman, Tetsuya Yamagami, could get so close to Abe. A vigil will be held for Abe on Monday and a funeral on Tuesday for family and close friends. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Across the country more than 50 Million people are under heat alerts, strong winds, record high temperatures and bone dry humidity are driving the high fire danger. This as firefighters in California are battling a fast moving wildfire in Yosemite Park threatening the famed sequoia trees. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Sri Lanka Government is in turmoil as the Prime Minister and President vowed to resign as violent protestors stormed into Government offices, the Presidential Palace, and the Prime Minister's home. Demonstrations were taking place all over the country's worsening economic crisis and food shortages. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A \$44 Billion dollar legal battle may be taking place between Elon Musk and Twitter's Board. The Stakes are high with a Billion dollar break up fee, as Musk alleges Twitter is in material breach of the agreement because the company did not provide the number of fake accounts on the platform, while Twitter says it did. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The US announced sending a \$400 Million dollar package, including 4 long range high precision rocket systems allowing Ukraine to strike behind enemy lines. The US also promised precision guided shells for US provided Howitzers capable of hitting targets far away with deadly precision, as Russia's attacks continue to be unrelenting. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Business owners were allowed to return today, even as a funeral was held for Eduardo Uvaldom, one of the seven people who was killed in the attack. Uvaldo, who would have turned 70 on Friday is survived by his wife, Maria, four daughters, four siblings, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone met with the Jan. 6 committee for about eight hours answering questions as to what he saw in the White House in the events leading up to Jan. 6. Committee members state Cipollone was careful and honest, "did not contradict the testimony of other witnesses." [[ABC](#)]
- Officials are stepping up patrols after shark attacks have increased, even as authorities emphasize beaches are safe but they need to stay on alert. Shark patrols monitor the water with boats, helicopters, and drones, as reports that none of the shark attacks have resulted in fatalities. [[ABC](#)]
- Businesses in Highland Park acted as Bunkers protecting fleeing people and providing a safe place from the shooter. [[CBS](#)]

- Gas Prices are dropping off, the largest weekly drop seen in 2 years due to fears of an economic slowdown causing lower oil prices. The National Average is still high at \$4.69/ gallon. [\[NBC\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- While inflation and the Federal Reserve's path to fight it have raised recession fears, so far job creation hasn't faltered. Demand for workers in most industries remains robust. "We shouldn't be 'talking ourselves into a recession" , said Gina Raimondo, Commerce Secretary in an Interview. [\[Watch\]](#)
- A series of events have rocked some of America's closest allies: after three years in office, Boris Johnson's political career comes to an end and Shinzo Abe, Japan's former prime minister, is assassinated while giving a speech. [\[Watch\]](#)
- In an Interview, GOP Rep. Adam Kinzinger tells that Trump White House counsel Pat Cipollone, who sat for a transcribed interview with the Jan. 6 Committee, didn't contradict previous testimony by other witnesses. "Anybody that wants to come in, that knows information to talk to the select committee, we welcome them to do so. We welcome them to do so under oath," Jan. 6 Committee member Rep. Adam Kinzinger tells. [\[Watch\]](#)
- President Biden delivered an emotional speech Friday announcing an array of steps aimed at bolstering abortion rights in the aftermath of a Supreme Court ruling that struck down the precedent set by Roe v. Wade. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Robert Costa

- Face the Nation began with a review of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's resignation; the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe; the Chicago Highland Park shooting and Vice President Kamala Harris's visit to Highland Park. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Vice President Kamala Harris spoke of gun violence; gun reform; abortion rights; the codifying of Roe v. Wade; voting rights; the Administration's plans to codify Roe v. Wade; Justice's misleading Senators; Brittany Griner and others imprisoned in Russia; Democracy on the ballot as the issue of midterm elections; police reform; speculation President Biden won't run for re-election in 2024; Texas Governor Abbot and immigration issues. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

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The Secretary of Commerce, Gina Raimondo discusses President Biden's plans to relieve economic pressure and the administration's views on abortion rights. Gina Raimondo says criticism of President Biden's performance after the Dobbs decision isn't justified. [[Watch](#), [Watch-2](#)]

- During an exclusive interview, Governor Larry Hogan discusses Republican views on former President Trump, the debate over gun violence and his plans for a potential presidential run. "I'm going all around the country helping people Trump is attacking and we're winning most of them." Hogan said. [[Watch](#)]
- Stephanie Murphy, member of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol, discusses testimony from former Trump White House counsel Pat Cipollone and questions over coordination between the White House and groups like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers. [[Watch](#)]

FOX News Sunday with Mike Emanuel

- President bowed to pressure, signing an Executive Order protecting reproductive rights even as he made clear he had little power with the issue. This as Biden prepares for his trip to Saudi Arabia, penning a Washington Post Op-ed stating, he was looking to reorient not rupture long-standing relations with an important ally in the region. [[Watch](#)]
- Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg discussed airline cancellations and delays amid a Pilot shortage; mandatory airline pilot retirement and plans to address the issue; planned airport improvements; infrastructure investments; Justices facing public protests; and expectations of President Biden running for re-election in 2024. [[Watch-1](#)] [[Watch-2](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- ""Twitter, Elon Musk Set for Unprecedented Legal Battle Over Deal Collapse" [[WSJ](#)]
- "The Stock Market Faces Next Test as Inflation Looms Over Earnings Season" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Desperate for Recruits, Russia Launches a 'Stealth Mobilization'" [[NYT](#)]

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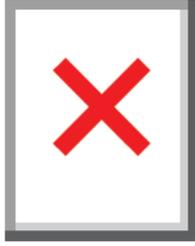
NOW STREAMING — ALEX HOLDER’S “Unprecedented,” the three-part documentary about **DONALD TRUMP** and his family, dropped at 4 a.m. today on Discovery+. “Orange you glad it’s premiere day?” [Holder tweeted](#), referring to the noticeably heavier makeup on Trump in his sitdown interviews with the filmmaker.

MUST-READ — If you read only one thing this weekend, make it [this Maureen Dowd classic on ERIC ADAMS](#). You couldn’t ask for a better match of writer and subject:

“On a breezy June night in the Bronx, I was on the balcony at the restaurant Zona De Cuba, sipping a mojito, vibing to a salsa band and peeking at a special menu for the plant-based mayor of New York, Eric Adams, who was soon to arrive. ...

“I pulled out a notebook, getting ready to interview Adams. But **MAXWELL YOUNG**, the mayor’s communications director, announced, ‘We have to go.’ The mayor had pulled up outside in his black Suburban, but plans had changed. We ran out to the motorcade and headed to the Upper East Side.

“Suddenly, we were staring down at a sidewalk full of blood.”



Abortion rights supporters demonstrate outside the White House during a protest to pressure the Biden administration to protect abortion rights on Saturday, July 9. Jose Luis Magana/AP Photo

BIDEN AGONISTES — President **JOE BIDEN** continues to struggle. [N.Y. Mag's Ed Kilgore notes that the president](#) “is now polling worse than Trump was at the same point in his presidency.”

Two big pieces delve into two of Biden's biggest problems: the continued dissatisfaction on the left and the age issue.

1. The White House pushes back against its critics in this [WaPo piece from Ashley Parker, Yasmeen Abutaleb and Tyler Pager](#) on “the administration's 14-day struggle to craft a message and policy plan after the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs*.”

KATE BEDINGFIELD, the outgoing comms director, with a statement making waves online: “Joe Biden's goal in responding to *Dobbs* is not to satisfy some activists who have been consistently out of step with the mainstream of the Democratic Party. It's to deliver help to women who are in danger and assemble a broad-based coalition to defend a woman's right to choose now, just as he assembled such a coalition to win during the 2020 campaign.”

The reaction: [“Outrage Erupts as White House Calls Abortion Rights Activists ‘Out of](#)

2. From Peter Baker’s front-page take on Biden’s age in the NYT this morning:

“In interviews, some sanctioned by the White House and some not, more than a dozen current and former senior officials and advisers uniformly reported that Mr. Biden remained intellectually engaged, asking smart questions at meetings, grilling aides on points of dispute, calling them late at night, picking out that weak point on Page 14 of a memo and rewriting speeches like his abortion remarks on Friday right up until the last minute.

“But they acknowledged Mr. Biden looks older than just a few years ago, a political liability that cannot be solved by traditional White House stratagems like staff shake-ups or new communications plans. His energy level, while impressive for a man of his age, is not what it was, and some aides quietly watch out for him. ... Although White House officials insist they make no special accommodations the way Reagan’s team did, privately they try to guard Mr. Biden’s weekends in Delaware as much as possible.”

DAVID GERGEN , who has advised four presidents: “I do feel it’s inappropriate to seek that office after you’re 80 or in your 80s. ... I have just turned 80 and I have found over the last two or three years I think it would have been unwise for me to try to run any organization. You’re not quite as sharp as you once were.”

MIKE DONILON , who has advised Biden for years: “On the way back from long trips when the staff is wiped out, he’ll want to spend four hours planning for how we hit the ground running on domestic policy, when all much younger staff want to do is sleep.”

Biden on the WaPo op-ed page: [“Why I’m going to Saudi Arabia”](#)

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CHENEY’S DEM SUPERFANS — As Biden shrinks, **LIZ CHENEY** continues to rise as the leader of the opposition to Trump. While the president is abroad this week, Cheney will once again be

in the political spotlight when the Jan. 6 committee convenes for its next public hearing on Tuesday. Three key Cheney reads:

1. NYT's Kate Kelly and Maggie Haberman [dive into Cheney's massive fundraising haul and report](#) on some of the big-name Democratic donors writing her checks:

— **JEFFREY KATZENBERG**: “We agree on little, if anything...But she has done something that very, very few people in history have done, which is she’s put her country over party and politics to stand in defense of our Constitution.”

— **DMITRI MEHLHORN**, “a political strategist who advises the LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman”: “Cheney is the most important politician in America right now.”

— **REID HOFFMAN**, “a major Democratic donor whom Mr. Mehlhorn said had quietly begun supporting Ms. Cheney”: “Liz Cheney demonstrates incredible integrity, standing for America.”

— **SETH KLARMAN**, “billionaire hedge fund manager [and] an independent with liberal views on social policies”: Cheney is “perhaps the strongest voice in the Republican Party speaking out about the importance of upholding the Constitution.”

— **JANE FRASER**, “a registered Democrat who is the chief executive of Citigroup”

2. CNN's Harry Enten [looks at the available data and explains](#) why “Cheney should be regarded as the clear underdog in her efforts to retain her seat.” She’s way behind in the few polls that have been released, but Enten also looks at a few other key metrics to get a sense of the primary, which will take place on August 16:

— **“Cheney was the least popular member of Congress”** in the 2021 Cooperative Election Study, “a large academic survey [that] asks Americans whether they approve or disapprove of their member of Congress.”

— **“Further, national polls seem to confirm the bad data** in Wyoming for Cheney. A mere 17% of Republicans nationwide approved of Cheney's job as vice chair of the January 6 committee, according to a recent Quinnipiac University poll. The vast majority (61%) disapproved. Why is this notable? Because the vast majority of Wyomingites are Republicans. According to the Wyoming secretary of state, 71% of registered voters are Republicans. Just 15% are Democrats.”

— **“Beyond polling and real-world elections data**, Cheney's problems become apparent in fundraising numbers. So too does the dichotomy between her national stardom and issues back home. According to the FEC and OpenSecrets, Cheney raised more than \$10 million this cycle through March 31. Hageman pulled in a little more than \$2 million through the same date. But

Hageman pulled in nearly \$650,000 of her total from Wyoming donors, more than twice as much as Cheney's in-state haul (about \$270,000).”

3. James Bennet, The Economist’s new Lexington columnist, [interviews ALAN SIMPSON](#), who explains how Cheney’s real fight isn’t the Wyoming primary she is likely to lose:

“...Simpson, a former three-term senator, has known her since she was a girl. Asked if she could win, he says he doesn’t know. ‘That really isn’t the issue for her,’ he adds. ‘That’s not the golden chalice for Liz.’

“Senator Simpson, droll as ever at 90 , was once booted from a leadership position himself, for insisting on being pro-choice in a pro-life party. He is delighted by Ms Cheney’s resistance to the herd: “She’s her own person.” He describes an environment of hate and nihilism around Mr Trump like nothing he has seen. “The guy is a wrecking ball of history,” he says. **The chalice, for Ms Cheney, is to block Mr Trump’s path back to power, and the testimony elicited by her sombre, methodical questioning may just achieve that.”**

A message from Meta:



TOP-EDS: A roundup of the week's must-read opinion pieces.

Morton's ...

- **The WSJ editorial board:** [“Democrats and Supreme Court Security: Protesters harass Justice Brett Kavanaugh at a restaurant. Will Congress now finally vote for the money to better protect the Justices and their families?”](#)
- **Alexandra Petri in WaPo:** [“Sorry, but the Constitution contains no right to eat dinner”](#)

Jan. 6 ...

- U.S. Capitol Police Sergeant **Aquilino Gonell** in NYT: [“I Was Betrayed by President Trump”](#)
- **Michael Gerson** in WaPo: [“How to defeat extreme Trumpists? Build a centrist coalition.”](#)

Shinzo Abe ...

- Author Tobias Harris in NYT: [“The Postwar Japan That Shinzo Abe Built”](#)
- Josh Rogin in WaPo: [“Abe’s legacy is a world better prepared to confront China”](#)

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- Anne Applebaum in The Atlantic: [“What Brexit Did to Boris Johnson — And Britain”](#)
- Henry Olsen in WaPo: [“Where do British Conservatives go from here?”](#)

Politics...

- Rep. Tom Malinowski (D-N.J.) in NYT: [“A Viable Third Party Is Coming, and It’s Starting With a New Jersey Lawsuit”](#)
- George Will in WaPo: [“How millennials became aggressively illiberal, censorious young adults”](#)

Good Sunday morning. Thanks for reading Playbook. Drop us a line: [Rachael Bade](#), [Eugene Daniels](#), [Ryan Lizza](#).

HEADS UP — STEVE BANNON told the Jan. 6 select committee in a letter on Saturday that he is “now willing to testify, ideally at a public hearing,” after “he received a letter from former President Donald Trump waiving executive privilege,” [CNN’s Sara Murray reports](#).

What Trump said in the letter: “When you first received the Subpoena to testify and provide documents, I invoked Executive Privilege. However, I watched how unfairly you and others have been treated, having to spend vast amounts of money on legal fees, and all of the trauma you must be going through for the love of your Country, and out of respect for the Office of the President.”

SUNDAY BEST ...

— **VP KAMALA HARRIS** on new immigration moves by Texas Gov. **GREG ABBOTT** , on CBS’ “Face the Nation”: “I would suggest that so-called leaders focus on solutions instead of attacks if they really are concerned about a problem, and that includes on the issue of immigration, passing a pathway for citizenship, fixing what, in particular under the prior administration, was a badly broken system. So that we can have a humane and appropriate approach to this issue, including of course, what we will continue to do in terms of prioritizing border security, but understanding we also need to create a pathway. And, and that’s where I think everyone should be focused if they’re actually concerned about solutions instead of flame throwing.” [Read the full transcript of Harris’ interview with Bob Costa](#)

— **Transportation Secretary PETE BUTTIGIEG** on the protesters outside of Morton’s that led to Justice **BRETT KAVANAUGH** [leaving the restaurant](#), on “Fox News Sunday”: “When public officials go into public life we should expect two things. One, you should always be free from violence, harassment and intimidation. And two, you’re never going to be free from criticism or peaceful protests, people exercising their First Amendment rights. That’s what happened in this case. ... People are upset. They’re going to exercise their First Amendment rights. As long as that’s peaceful, that’s protected. Compare that for example, to the reality that as a country right now, we’re reckoning with the fact that a mob summoned by the former president ... attacked the United States Capitol for the purpose of overthrowing the election. ... I think common sense can tell the difference.”

Asked if he would be OK with protesters demonstrating when he and his husband, CHASTEN, go to dinner, he said: “Protesting peacefully outside in a public space? Sure. Look, I can’t even tell you the number of spaces, venues and scenarios where I’ve been protested. And the bottom line is this: Any public figure should always always be free from violence, intimidation and harassment, but should never be free from criticism, or people exercising their First Amendment rights.” [Watch the clip of Buttigieg’s response](#)

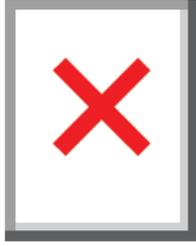
— **Rep. STEPHANIE MURPHY** (D-Fla.) on **PAT CIPOLLONE’s** testimony before the Jan. 6 committee, on NBC’s “Meet the Press”: “I think there was a lot of information that fit into this bigger puzzle that we’re putting together. And we have different voices telling about the same meeting, and more or less telling the same narrative.”

BIDEN’S SUNDAY — The Bidens will leave Rehoboth Beach, Del., at 8:15 p.m., arriving back at the White House at 9:30 p.m.

VP KAMALA HARRIS’ SUNDAY — The VP has nothing on her public schedule.

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



A helicopter drops water on the Washburn Fire burning in Yosemite National Park on Saturday, July 9. Noah Berger/AP Photo

■ P L A Y B O O K R E A D S

ALL POLITICS

2022 WATCH — California GOP Rep. **DAVID VALADAO** has a strict anti-abortion view in a district that voted heavily for Biden. But he's betting that voters won't punish him this fall — in part because he was one of few GOP lawmakers who voted to impeach Trump, [Olivia Beavers reports from Hanford, Calif.](#) “If Democrats can't persuade voters here, it will be an ominous sign for a party battling a tough midterm climate as they try to keep seats in places far more favorable to Republicans.”

— [“Greitens fans shrug off scandals threatening GOP Senate seat,”](#) by AP's Jim Salter

2024 WATCH — [“Maryland's Hogan to spotlight inflation relief plan during jam-packed New Hampshire trip,”](#) by Fox News' Paul Steinhauser

FASCINATING READ — [“One Small Step for Democracy in a ‘Live Free or Die’ Town,”](#) by NYT's Dan Barry: “A cautionary tale from Croydon, N.H., where one man tried to foist a change so drastic it jolted a community out of political indifference.”

ABORTION FALLOUT

LETTER FROM SOUTH BEND — [“How Abortion Is Sundering Amy Coney Barrett's Hometown,”](#) by Adam Wren for POLITICO Magazine: “South Bend, Indiana, is a blue city home to a conservative Catholic University. And both sides are taking their former neighbor's vote on Dobbs very personally.”

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW — [“Gretchen Whitmer's abortion fight — from the porch with her daughters,”](#) by WaPo's Ruby Cramer in Mackinac Island, Mich.

A message from Meta:



AMERICA AND THE WORLD

HAPPENING THIS WEEK — [WaPo's Missy Ryan has a good table-setter](#) for Biden's Middle East trip coming this week. "The choreography of the meeting with Saudi **KING SALMAN** and [Crown Prince **MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN**] will be closely watched: Will Biden, who as a candidate vowed to make Saudi Arabia a 'pariah' state, and the 36-year-old prince, now the kingdom's de facto leader, speak one-on-one? Will they pose for a photo?"

BLINKEN PRESSES CHINA — ["Blinken Reproves China Counterpart Over Support for Russia,"](#) by WSJ's William Mauldin and Charles Hutzler in Nusa Dua, Indonesia

IN UKRAINE — ["Ukraine's Defense Minister Says It Has 'Passed Test' on New U.S. Guided Rockets, Needs More,"](#) by WSJ's Vivian Salama in Kyiv

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Donald Trump said he endorsed **Mehmet Oz** because, in part, [Oz called Trump a “healthy specimen.”](#)

Donald Trump [is attacking Elon Musk now](#) after the billionaire voiced support for **Ron DeSantis**.

The Army [dismissed a retired three-star general](#) from a contract over a tweet that seemed to mock **Jill Biden**.

Annie Karni got [screwed over by autocorrect](#).

SPOTTED at **Eli Yokley’s** 30th birthday party, co-hosted by **Evan Hollander, Kaitlan Collins, Josh Dawsey** and **Matt Dornic** at Dornic’s home: **Olivia Nuzzi, Jeff Zeleny, Jim Courtovich, John McCarthy, Kevin Walling, Richard Walters, Zolan Kanno-Youngs, T.W. Arrighi, Christopher Jerrolds, Betsy Klein, Jeff Solnet, Chris Golden, Ellie Warner, Cameron Easley, Joanna Piacenza, Austin Chambers** and **Sam Cooper**.

TRANSITION — **Michael Cohen** is now managing director at Purple Strategies. He most recently was founder and CEO of Cohen Research Group, which will continue to publish Congress in Your Pocket, and is a Gallup alum.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Reps. **Elissa Slotkin** (D-Mich.), **Tom McClintock** (R-Calif.), **Brian Mast** (R-Fla.) and **Dan Newhouse** (R-Wash.) ... **Stephonn Alcorn** ... **Tim Murtaugh** ... POLITICO’s **Sam Stein, Chris Cadelago, Matt Daily** and **John Appezzato** ... Insider’s **Catherine Boudreau** ... **Sarah Boxer** ... **Alex Angelson** of Michael Best Strategies ... **Ben Napier** ... **Katie Pavlich** ... **Eli Yokley** of Morning Consult ... CBS’ **Shawna Thomas** ... MSNBC’s **Kyle Griffin** ... White & Case’s **Keir Whitson** ... **Caroline Ciccone** ... **Sarah Hodgkins Ankney** ... **Rena Shapiro** ... former CDC Director **Robert Redfield** ... former Reps. **Ron Klein** (D-Fla.), **Russ Carnahan** (D-Mo.) and **Phil Gingrey** (R-Ga.) ... **Morgan Ortagus** ... **Megan Ortagus** ... **Julianna Smoot** of WaterWorks ... **Kenny Day** ... WSJ’s **Heather Haddon** ... **Peter Bondi** ... **Emily Sirh**

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Fox: Dan Bongino on Supreme Court Justice 'harassment': Biden's DOJ is a 'cosmic level embarrassment', Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 11:05 AM

Answering to whether Biden's Department of Justice takes harassment and threats against Supreme Court justices seriously, "Unfiltered" host Dan Bongino called the DOJ a "disgrace," and a "cosmic level embarrassment" under U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on "Fox & Friends Weekend" Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: [OPINION] Merrick Garland is failing in his duty to protect Supreme Court justices, Quin Hillyer, July 8, 2022, 2:36 PM

By failing to arrest and prosecute people who harass Supreme Court justices, Attorney General Merrick Garland is dangerously, almost criminally guilty of supreme dereliction of duty. The issue arises yet again after Justice Brett Kavanaugh felt compelled to leave a Washington, D.C., steakhouse through a back door to avoid what the restaurant itself described as "unruly protesters" who "unduly harassed" not just Kavanaugh but "all of our other patrons at the restaurant." [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPERATION NORTH STAR

WBBM (Chicago, IL): During 'Operation North Star,' U.S. marshals arrested over 1,400 people in 30 days — including 156 in Chicago, Brandon Ison, July 7, 2022, 6:14 PM

More than 1,400 violent criminals were taken into custody by federal and local task forces nationwide as part of Operation North Star, which targeted the most violent offenders in 10 major U.S. cities, including Chicago.

Thursday afternoon, U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois LaDon Reynolds announced that 156 Chicago-area arrests had been made as part of Operation North Star during the month of June. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLS-ABC (Chicago, IL): US Marshals take 1,500 of country's most violent criminals off the streets in special operation, John García, July 7, 2022, 5:06 PM

More than 1,500 of the country's most violent criminals are now off the streets as part of the Justice Department's "Operation North Star." Arrests were made in 10 cities, including Chicago. As U.S. Marshals showed up to arrest 19-year-old Terrion Johnson on murder charges, they say he opened fire at them, injuring a senior Marshall and K-9. Both are recovering, but Johnson is now facing additional federal charges. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBBM-CBS \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): US Marshals' operation results in 122 arrests in the Mid-South, officials say, Unattributed, July 6, 2022, 3:35 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service conducted a 30-day initiative called Operation North Star (ONS) that resulted in the arrest of 122 fugitives, sex offenders, and violent criminals wanted in the Bluff City. ONS was a high-impact fugitive apprehension initiative focusing on the country's most violent offenders in 10 cities, including Memphis, a release said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Oath Keeper brought explosives to D.C. ahead of Jan. 6 attack, prosecutor says, David Morgan, July 9, 2022, 11:57 AM

A member of the Oath Keepers extremist group brought explosives to the Washington, D.C., area ahead of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump, according to the U.S. Justice Department. In a court filing, federal prosecutors alleged that Jeremy Brown, an Oath Keepers member from Florida, drove explosives to a Virginia hotel in his recreational vehicle on Jan. 6. A second member of the group, Thomas Caldwell, was later found in possession of a "death list" that included the name of a Georgia election official, according to the document. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#) , [Axios](#), [UPI](#)

Reuters: Putin warns West: sanctions risk energy price spike catastrophe, Guy Faulconbridge, July 8, 2022, 12:23 PM

President Vladimir Putin warned the West on Friday that continued sanctions against Russia over the war in Ukraine risked triggering catastrophic energy price rises for consumers around the world. Putin, who casts the sanctions imposed on Russia as a declaration of economic war, said that Western calls to reduce reliance on Russian energy had made global markets "feverish" with spikes in oil and gas. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

NYT: Florida Man Sentenced to 20 Years for Uploading Bomb-Making Video, Vimal Matel, July 9, 2022, 9:25 AM

A Florida man who had pledged support to ISIS was sentenced on Thursday to 20 years in prison for uploading a video he believed would help the terrorist group make bombs, the federal authorities said on Thursday. The man, Romeo Xavier Langhorne, 32, of St. Augustine, Fla., pleaded guilty in March 2021 to one count of providing material support to ISIS, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. The sentence, handed down in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville, also included an additional 15 years of supervised release, the statement said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] U.S.-supplied artillery is helping Ukraine's defense. Send more now, Editorial Board, July 9, 2022, 7:00 AM

Fresh from completing the conquest of Luhansk province in eastern Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin of Russia ordered his troops to rest and issued a kind of challenge to Ukraine's NATO backers. "Today we hear that they want to defeat us on the battlefield," he said Thursday. "What can you say? Let them try." President Biden responded to Mr. Putin a day later in exactly the right way: by announcing an additional military aid package for Kyiv worth \$400 million, which included four new HIMARS long-range rocket launchers. This will bring the total number of U.S. HIMARS transferred to Ukraine to 12; the German and British governments have pledged similar systems. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: How John Eastman's role in Jan. 6 still haunts the California university where he taught, Teresa Watanabe, July 8, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

Try as it might, Chapman University just can't seem to get past John Eastman. The conservative legal scholar abruptly retired 18 months ago from the small private Orange County university after he appeared at then-President Trump's Jan. 6 rally, firing up the crowd with unproven allegations of election fraud. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: Tyler Ethridge appears in court on Capitol riot charges, Jennifer McRae, July 8, 2022, 5:56 PM (EDT)

Another person with ties to Colorado has been accused of rioting at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Tyler Etheridge appeared in court on Friday for an initial appearance. The FBI received a tip the day after the riots about Etheridge when someone recognized him from Bible College in Woodland Park. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KKTV-CBS \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [KMGH-ABC \(Denver, CO\)](#), [KRDO-AM \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [KUSA-NBC \(Denver, CO\)](#)

KCRG-ABC/MyNetworkTV/CW (Cedar Rapids, IA): CRCSD will resume summer operation on Monday after "cybersecurity incident", give no specific details over incident, Ethan Stein, July 8, 2022, 11:05 PM (EDT)

According to an email to parents, The Cedar Rapids Community School District will resume summer operation on Monday, July 11. The email gives no specific information related to a week-long district closure after a "cybersecurity incident" announced on July 4. [...] The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which manages cybersecurity threats across the United States within the Department of Homeland Security, and the FBI both said they are aware of the situation involving the Cedar Rapids Community School District.

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KKTV-CBS (Colorado Springs, CO): Colorado Springs man who served as a pastor arrested for alleged role in U.S. Capitol riot, Tony Keith, July 8, 2022, 7:49 PM

A Colorado Springs man allegedly filmed himself storming the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021 saying he would probably lose his job as a pastor for doing so. The Department of Justice shared some details on the case against 33-year-old Tyler Ethridge with the public on Friday. You can read the charging document at the bottom of this article. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGW-NBC (Portland, OR): Capitol riot suspect from Southwest Washington sentenced to 21 days in prison, Kyle Iboshi, July 8, 2022, 7:44 PM (EDT)

A Battle Ground man who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge for his role in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol has been sentenced to 21 days in prison and supervised release.

Jeremy Grace, 38, was among the very first wave of rioters to enter the U.S. Capitol building, according to federal prosecutors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

AP: 4 days in January: Trump push for Capitol coda to 2020 vote, Lisa Mascaró, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

It would have been something never quite before seen in America — a defeated president, Donald Trump, standing at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, with a mob of supporters, some armed, contesting the election outcome. Trump intended to go there that day. His allies had been planning for the moment, envisioning the president delivering a speech outside the building or even entering the House chamber amid objections to Congress certifying the 2020 election results for Democrat Joe Biden. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Trump WH counsel Cipollone meets with 1/6 panel for 8 hours, Lisa Mascaro and Farnoush Amiri, July 8, 2022, 6:26 PM

Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone met for a private interview with the Jan. 6 committee for about eight hours Friday regarding his role in trying to prevent then-President Donald Trump from challenging the 2020 presidential election and joining the violent mob that laid siege to the Capitol. Cipollone, once a staunch presidential confidant who had defended Trump during his first impeachment trial, had been reluctant to appear formally for an on-record interview. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [Politico](#) [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Steve Bannon's lawyer asks to leave Jan. 6-related case, says he may be witness, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 10:13 AM

A lawyer for Steve Bannon is seeking to withdraw from representing the adviser to former President Donald Trump in his criminal contempt case, citing the possibility of being called as a witness at trial, a court document on Friday showed. Bannon was charged last year with two counts of contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena issued by a House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Trump considers waiving claim of executive privilege for Steve Bannon, Isaac Stanley-Becker, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany, July 8, 2022, 5:31 PM

Former President Donald Trump is considering sending a letter to Stephen K. Bannon saying that he is waiving his claim of executive privilege, potentially clearing the way for his former chief strategist to testify before the House select committee investigating the pro-Trump riot at the Capitol. The letter would reiterate that Trump invoked executive privilege in September 2021, when Bannon was first subpoenaed by the House committee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Oath Keepers Founder Offers Jan. 6 Testimony If Hearing Public, Billy House, July 8, 2022, 4:02 PM

The founder of the Oath Keepers militia group, Elmer Stewart Rhodes, is willing to testify to the House Committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the US Capitol, his attorney said, but only if it is during a public session. “He’s willing to waive his Fifth Amendment rights, he wants to testify in public, and he wants to testify live,” James Lee Bright said in a telephone interview. “I don’t think they’ll go along with that.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Committee Is Considering a Prime-Time Hearing for Next Week, Billy House, July 8, 2022, 9:58 AM

The House committee investigating the insurrection at the US Capitol is considering a second televised hearing next week, this one in prime time on Thursday, people familiar with the planning said. Those people did not provide a specific topic, or say whether the tentative hearing, which would be the committee’s eighth since June, would be its last one until a late August or September presentation of a report on its findings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Evidence of firearms in Jan. 6 crowd grows as arrests and trials mount, Tom Jackman, Rachel Weiner and Spencer S. Hsu, July 8, 2022, 9:40 AM

Some of the startling revelations of the recent blockbuster Jan. 6 House committee hearing came in snippets of police radio traffic captured during President Donald Trump’s rally on the Ellipse and from Trump’s purported response to being told there were armed protesters just outside a secured area. The chatter included reports of

a man with an AR-15 in a tree on Constitution Avenue who was accompanied by two men with pistols on their hips. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Florida man charged with selling fake Cisco equipment in \$1 bln scheme, Jonathan Stempel, July 8, 2022, 4:55 PM

U.S. prosecutors on Friday announced the arrest of a Florida man accused of importing counterfeit Cisco networking equipment that if authentic would be worth more than \$1 billion, and reselling the fake products on Amazon.com, eBay and elsewhere. Onur Aksoy, 38, of Miami, allegedly worked with suppliers in China and Hong Kong from 2013 to 2022 to import tens of thousands of fake devices through at least 19 entities in New Jersey and Florida dubbed the Pro Network. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Middletown Press (Middletown, CT): Feds: Man sentenced to three months in prison for construction project scheme, Ben Lambert, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

A New Hampshire man was sentenced to three months in prison Friday after allegedly defrauding his employer of more than \$40,000 through his role in managing construction projects, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for Connecticut. William Sacco, 49, of Pelham, N.H., previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in February. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Magnolia State Live: Former postal worker sentenced for stabbing Mississippi postmaster with screwdriver, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 5:39 AM

A Southaven woman was sentenced today to five years and three months in prison for assaulting an employee of the United States. According to court documents, Tamekia Scott, 36, a former U.S. Postal employee, forcibly assaulted the Postmaster of the U.S. Post Office in Hernando on July 13, 2021, by stabbing the woman with a screwdriver. The victim was engaged in the official performance of her duties at the time of the attack that resulted in bodily injury. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Bharat Express News: US: CEO of 19 companies accused of selling fake Cisco devices worth \$1 billion, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 5:00 AM

A US court has charged a man who ran 19 companies and owned at least 15 Amazon storefronts, 10 eBay storefronts and multiple other entities that sold fraudulent and counterfeit Cisco network devices worth \$1 billion. A federal grand jury in the New Jersey district has accused Miami Onur Aksoy, aka Ron Aksoy, aka Dave Durden, 38, of leading a massive operation for many years to trade fraudulent and counterfeit Cisco network equipment with an estimated retail value of over \$1 billion.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fulton Sun (Fulton, MO): Fulton man receives over 10 years on meth, firearm charges, Michael Shine, July 9, 2022, 4:00 AM

A Fulton man was sentenced in federal court Friday on charges of possession of methamphetamine to distribute and illegal possession of a firearm over a 2019 case. Antonio Jerome Beard, 46, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Roseann Ketchmark to 10 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Albuquerque Journal: Albuquerque man sentenced to 14 years for armed robbery, Raul Flores, July 8, 2022, 11:26 PM

A 24-year-old Albuquerque man has been sentenced to more than 14 years in prison for threatening people with a gun and robbing an insurance business in 2019. A federal jury convicted Jacquan Abe in February of armed robbery, assault with intent to commit a violent felony and aggravated battery charges in the case. U.S. Chief District Judge William Johnson sentenced him Thursday to 14 years and three months in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Times Leader (Wilkes-Barre, PA): **Hazleton man sentenced on federal drug, fraud charges**, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Hazleton man was sentenced on Friday to 25 years imprisonment on combined drug trafficking and pandemic unemployment fraud offenses. Fredy Mendoza, 34, was sentenced by District Judge Malachy E. Mannion to 300 months in prison for methamphetamine trafficking and 18 months for pandemic unemployment fraud, to be served concurrent with the meth trafficking sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOLF-Fox \(Hazleton, PA\)](#)

The Bakersfield Californian: **Bakersfield man gets nearly 4-year sentence for federal weapons charge**, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Bakersfield man was sentenced Friday for a federal weapons charge, according to a Department of Justice news release. Spencer Manning, 28, of Bakersfield, was sentenced to three years and 10 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. On Oct. 13, 2021, Manning was inside a Bakersfield grocery store when loss-prevention staff observed him placing store merchandise into his backpack, according to court documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Deming Headlight (Deming, NM): **Deming man pleads guilty to production of child pornography**, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 8:12 PM (EDT)

Alexander M.M. Uballez, United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, announced that Guillermo Rodriguez Garcia pleaded guilty on July 6 to production of a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Garcia, 40, of Deming, New Mexico, will remain in custody pending sentencing, which has not been scheduled. In his plea agreement, Garcia admitted that on Aug. 27, 2021, he produced a video of himself engaging in sexual conduct with a victim who was 12 years old. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Sacramento Bee (Sacramento, CA): **Seven indicted for drug trafficking in South Lake Tahoe during 'Operation Bear Trap'**, Dante Motley, July 8, 2022, 6:58 PM (EDT)

A federal grand jury has indicted six South Lake Tahoe residents and one Sacramento resident in connection with a drug trafficking ring, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Friday. Prosecutors say the seven worked together from August 2020 to May of this year, according to court documents, in an intertwined effort to sell methamphetamine and heroin around South Lake Tahoe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News: **Central New Yorker gets eight years for robbing banks in Buffalo, outside Rochester**, Scott Scanlon, July 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

Aman from outside Syracuse was sentenced Friday to more than eight years in federal prison for robbing banks in Buffalo and a Rochester suburb, as well as trying to rob a bank in Niagara Falls. U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer handed down the 100-month sentence to Michael Tyo, 34, of Liverpool. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Post-Standard \(Syracuse, NY\)](#)

Vacaville Reporter (Vacaville, CA): **Fed grand jury indicts Vallejo man, 38, for drug possession with intent to distribute**, Richard Bammer, July 8, 2022, 5:55 PM

A federal grand jury on Friday in Sacramento returned a two-count indictment against a 38-year-old Vallejo man, charging him with possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of a firearm, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California said. Christopher Matthew Rougeau will return to court for a status conference at 9 a.m. Aug. 22, when he will face Senior Judge William B. Shubb. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Arizona Republic: **Chandler woman sentenced to 10 years for 2019 fatal stabbing**, Laura Daniella Sepulveda, July 8, 2022, 4:49 PM

A Chandler woman was sentenced to 10 years in prison Wednesday after pleading guilty to stabbing and killing a woman in 2019, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona. The woman was identified as Alanna

Marleice Jackson, 23. According to a statement released by the U.S. Attorney's Office on Thursday, Jackson and a man identified as Jose Luis Carpio, 25, fatally stabbed a woman on Oct. 27, 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: **Ex-Monessen man sentenced to 5 years in prison on drug charges**, Joe Napsa, July 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 27-year-old former Monessen man will spend five years in a federal prison for attempting to distribute cocaine in Monessen last year, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh. Shaiquane Harrison was sentenced Friday by federal Judge William S. Stickman in Pittsburgh after he pleaded guilty on March 2 to attempting to possess with the intent to deliver 500 grams or more of cocaine he had received in the mail, according to court documents. The judge recommended that Harrison, who also will serve four years of probation, be placed in a federal prison close to Pittsburgh. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFGO-AM (Fargo, ND): **Man sentenced to 40 years for fatal attack in St. Francis**, Ashley Jung, July 9, 2022, 9:38 AM

A man accused of a fatal attack after breaking into a St. Francis home last year has been sentenced to 40 years in federal prison. A federal judge also ordered 23-year-old Isaiah Young to serve five years of supervised release for second-degree murder. Lange on Thursday imposed a 10-year sentence for assault with a dangerous weapon to run concurrently with the 40-year term. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFGO-AM (Fargo, ND): **West St. Paul felon charged with drug trafficking, firearms violations**, Unattributed, July 9, 2022, 6:43 AM

A West St. Paul man has been indicted for cocaine and methamphetamine trafficking and firearms violations. According to court documents, on two separate occasions between January 2021 and May 2022, Christopher Allen Stengle, 32, possessed quantities of cocaine and methamphetamine and two semi-automatic pistols. Stengle has multiple prior felony convictions in Ramsey, Anoka, and Washington Counties. He is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTAR- ABC/Compass Media Networks/Westwood One (Glendale, AZ): **Arizona man sentenced to 4 years in prison for human smuggling**, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 11:00 PM (EDT)

An Arizona man was sentenced to four years in prison for his role in smuggling undocumented immigrants into the United States, authorities said Thursday. Benjamin Gallegos, 24, of Tucson, previously pleaded guilty on Feb. 3 to conspiracy to transport and harbor undocumented immigrants for profit for his role in organizing, managing and supervising others within an organization that smuggled individuals, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Arizona said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWT-NBC (Omaha, NE): **Federal court sentences Iowa man to over 2 years for assault on an officer**, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 9:21 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska reported weekly sentencing updates. U.S. Attorney Jan Sharp's office in Omaha reminds the public that there is no parole in the federal system. Anthony Dwayne Jackson, 39, of Lincoln, was sentenced Thursday by Judge John M. Gerrard sentenced Jackson to almost 10 years for distribution of 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine and 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine with a prior serious drug felony conviction. In an investigation with the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force, Jackson was arrested last April and officers found about an ounce of meth, a digital scale with assumed meth residue, and a number of baggies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): **Former National Guard member sentenced to 4 years in prison for sending child porn overseas**, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 8:59 PM

A Maple Valley man and former National Guard member was sentenced to four years in prison for molesting a young child and sending child porn overseas. 56-year-old Paul Von Nahme was arrested in April 2021 after an

overseas law enforcement agency reported that he was using a social media platform to send images of child sexual abuse. The agency also reported Von Nahme was making claims online that he raped a 9-year-old child. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJXT-CW (Jacksonville, FL): Man gets 9 years in prison for Regency-area bank robbery, Erik Avancier, July 8, 2022, 8:33 PM

A 39-year-old Jacksonville man was sentenced Friday to nine years and six months in federal prison for his role in an armed robbery at a Wells Fargo on Regency Square Boulevard, according to a news release from the Department of Justice. Brett Amante was arrested in February 2021 and pleaded guilty to charges on Feb. 22 of this year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): Georgia man pleads guilty to possessing a firearm as a felon, Nicole Sanders, July 8, 2022, 8:33 PM

A Bainbridge, Georgia, man is facing up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to The United States Attorney's Office for Middle District Georgia. James Currin, 44, was under investigation as of September 2019 for distribution of methamphetamine and illegal possession of various firearms. On April 1, 2020, Decatur County deputies learned that six stolen firearms were traded to Currin in exchange for meth. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSLI-ABC/Westwood One (Salt Lake City, UT): Utah working with DEA sought to tip off suspect about wiretap, but not for obvious reasons, Annie Knox, July 8, 2022, 8:15 PM (EDT)

A longtime interpreter who used to work on federal narcotics cases in Utah admitted he tried to warn a suspect last year about a wiretap, but not to protect any criminal network or for a kickback. [...] Araujo, 36, was trying to "buy some relief," U.S. District Judge David Barlow said in federal court in Salt Lake City on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Beckley woman pleads guilty to Heroin, Meth distribution, Harper Emch, July 8, 2022, 5:14 PM

A Beckley woman pleaded guilty on Friday to the distribution of a quantity of methamphetamine. According to court information, Brenda Crewey, 49, admitted to selling about four ounces of methamphetamine to a confidential informant at her home on February 21, 2020. Crewey also admitted to being responsible for the distribution of at least 1,000 kilograms of methamphetamine and heroin over the previous year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCRG-ABC (Cedar Rapids, IA): Vinton man sentenced to federal prison for distributing meth, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 4:58 PM

55-year-old Chad Allen Havens was sentenced to more than six years in federal prison after pleading guilty to two counts of distributing methamphetamine. Court documents show that on three occasions between May and September 2021, Havens distributed approximately 4 ounces of ice methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WROC-CBS (Rochester, NY): Local man pleads guilty to rioting during civil unrest in May 2020, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 4:45 PM

Officials announced that 29-year-old Marquis Frasier of Rochester pleaded guilty to rioting after a May 2020 protest turned violent. On May 30, 2022, Frasier participated in a protest near the Public Safety Building on Exchange Street. The protest then turned violent and resulted in vandalism, looting, and fires. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WROC-CBS (Rochester, NY): Local felon arrested on drug and firearm charges, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 4:17 PM

32-year-old Jesus Santiago was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, according

to U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross. On June 23, 2022, U.S. probation officers searched Santiago's residence on Glide Street and recovered a loaded semi-automatic handgun, ammunition, marijuana, and drug packaging materials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSWO-ABC (Lawton, OK): Former Marlow band teacher pleads guilty to sexual battery charge, Kevin Haggemiller, July 8, 2022, 3:57 PM

A former Marlow High School band director entered a plea of guilty today in Federal court on charges that he sexually abused a student. 46 year old William Joseph Daniel pleaded guilty to one count of sexual battery. A second count of rape by instrumentation was dismissed by the judge due to that plea. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Mexican national pleads guilty to having more than 9 kg of methamphetamine in St. Charles, police say, Joshua Robinson, July 8, 2022, 3:26 PM

A man from Mexico pleaded guilty Friday to a federal drug crime in St. Charles. During a Feb. 19, 2020 traffic stop, police found 26 packages containing a total of nine plus kilograms of methamphetamine, a stolen gun, and \$5,046 in cash in a speaker in a pickup truck driven by 35-year-old Juan Manuel Barajas-Magana. He and his companion, Susana Esmeralda Salazar-Amaya, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute meth. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVI-Fox \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

WUTR-ABC (Utica, NY): Ilion man pleads guilty to distributing child pornography, Thad Randazzo, July 8, 2022, 3:22 PM

On Friday, July 8th, the United States Department of Justice Office Northern District of New York reported that an Ilion man pled guilty to distributing and receiving child pornography. 31-year-old John Patrick Galusha has admitted that in January 2022, he willingly traded child pornography through social media on his cellphone and distributed approximately 35 files in exchange for 163 images and 7 videos of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): Man sentenced to more than 17 years in armed robberies of gas stations, hotel, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 3:15 PM

A Minneapolis man has been sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for robbing two gas stations and a hotel at gunpoint in February of 2020. Court documents say Keanu Dewone Ross, 30, pulled what appeared to be a firearm when he robbed a Speedway in Columbia Heights on Feb. 4, 2020. He stole \$140 in cash, tobacco, and lottery tickets and ran to his accomplice Antoinette Deniece Mae Dobyne, who was parked in an SUV a few blocks away. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCYB-NBC/CW- (Bristol, VA): Man who conspired to traffic 200 pounds of meth into SW Virginia convicted, DOJ says, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 3:00 PM

A former California man, who had recently moved to Southwest Virginia, was found guilty of conspiracy and drug distribution charges, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Guy Benjamin Bowman, 56, of Meadowview, was convicted following a three-day jury trial in United States District Court in Abingdon, United States Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh and Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares announced Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): Watervliet woman accused of benefits theft, Richard Roman, July 8, 2022, 2:56 PM

A woman faces charges for allegedly obtaining compensation benefits they were not entitled to. United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman said, that Eunice Ting, 68, of Watervliet was arraigned on an indictment charge of theft of government property and providing false information to collect worker's compensation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Indy man had 175 grams of meth in center console, Matt Christy, July 8,

2022, 2:38 PM

A 39-year-old from Indianapolis has been sentenced to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to trafficking methamphetamine. Richard Hornsby pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute meth and for carrying a firearm during and in relation to drug trafficking crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WABI-CBS/CW (Bangor, ME): Driver in fatal Acadia National Park crash to spend 41 months in prison, Allegra Zamore, July 8, 2022, 2:25 PM

A New Jersey man charged in a fatal crash that killed three people in Acadia National Park in August 2019 will serve more than three years behind bars. 31-year-old Praneeth Manubolu pleaded guilty in January to three manslaughter charges, two OUI charges, and one unsafe operation of a motor vehicle charge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYMA-NBC (Yuma, AZ) : Yuma Border Patrol rescue migrants, man sentenced to prison for human smuggling, Faith Rodriguez, July 8, 2022, 1:27 PM

A man was sentenced to 63 months in prison, along with five years of supervised release for illegally smuggling three immigrants into the U.S., resulting in one death. Rafael Almanza-Guillen is a 41-year-old man from Mexico and on August 1, 2021, he smuggled three undocumented immigrants from Mexico into the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPNX-NBC \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#)

WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): Texas man sentenced to 27 years for sexual exploitation of Alabama child, Jolyn Hannah, July 8, 2022, 1:04 PM

A man from Texas has been sentenced to 27 years in federal prison after pleaded guilty in a child sexual exploitation case involving an Alabama child. According to a news release from the United States Attorney's Office Middle District of Alabama, John David Twomey, age 24, was sentenced to 324 months in federal prison on July 6, 2022, following his guilty plea at an earlier date. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IA): Man sentenced to 30 years in prison for child pornography, extortion charges, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 12:48 PM

A Fulton, Missouri man was sentenced Thursday to 360 months; or 30 years; in federal prison for the production of child pornography and interstate communications with intent to extort charges. Chad Alan Craghead, 45, will serve five years of supervised release once he completes his prison sentence. He will also be required to register as a sex offender. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): Local drug dealer sentenced to 11 years behind bars, Rayna McGlynn, July 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

An East Stroudsburg man was sentenced on Tuesday to 11 years in prison for drug trafficking and firearms charges. According to U.S. Attorney Gerard Karam, 44-year-old Ramon Williams pleaded guilty on May 25th to one count of possessing two handguns in furtherance of drug trafficking, and to a separate count of distributing over 28 grams of crack cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTVM-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Opelika man sentenced to 10 years in prison after federal gun conviction, Jessie Gibson, July 8, 2022, 9:08 AM

An Opelika man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison following a federal gun conviction. On Thursday, July 7, 43-year-old Thaddeus Dimarggio Holstick, of Opelika, was sentenced to 120 months - or 10 years - in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to Holstick's plea agreement and other court records, in June of 2020, an officer with the Opelika Police Department saw Holstick inside a convenience store having an argument with another man. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Family of man hurt in police van seeks civil rights charges, Pat Eaton-Robb, July 8, 2022, 6:47 PM

The family of a Black man in Connecticut, paralyzed when a police van without seatbelts braked suddenly, asked federal authorities Friday to file civil rights charges against the officers involved. The driver was taking Randy Cox, 36, to a police station in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 19 for processing on a weapons charge when he braked hard to avoid a collision, police said, causing Cox to fly headfirst into the wall of the van. His family said he remains paralyzed from the chest down. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#)

NYT: [OPINION] Why Does It Take Federal Intervention to Fix the N.Y.P.D.?, Mara Gay, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

The saga of the Special Victims Division is the latest illustration of the extraordinary measures required to meaningfully reform the nation's largest police department. When the N.Y.P.D. conducted sweeping surveillance of Muslim communities in the years after the Sept. 11 attacks, class-action litigation was needed to put an end to the practice. When the department violated the civil rights of millions of innocent Black and Latino men by targeting them for unconstitutional police searches, years of lawsuits were needed to curb the tactic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: New Biden Title IX rules would use civil rights office...to strip civil rights from students, Ingrid Jacques, July 9, 2022, 10:00 AM

College students across America could soon be at risk of losing fundamental rights. And they have the Biden administration to thank for that. A lot of attention has been paid to President Joe Biden's efforts to broaden the definition of "sex" in Title IX to include gender identity and sexual orientation. What hasn't gotten as much scrutiny are other changes that could undermine due process and free speech on campus. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: New Arizona law criminalizes filming police from less than 8 feet away, Lindsey Bever, July 8, 2022, 4:20 PM

A new Arizona law will make it illegal to film law enforcement encounters from closer than 8 feet away except in certain circumstances, such as when the person recording is the one being questioned by the authorities. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) signed the bill into law on Wednesday, which will make it a misdemeanor offense to record police activity at close range after officers have issued a verbal warning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Colorado Politics: 10th Circuit reinstates student's First Amendment lawsuit over anti-Semitic 'joke', Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 9:05 PM

A Cherry Creek High School student has credibly alleged school officials violated his First Amendment rights when they expelled him for an offensive social media post, the federal appeals court based in Denver decided on Wednesday. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit reinstated the lawsuit of a teenager identified as C.G., largely due to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling from last year limiting the authority of administrators to regulate students' off-campus speech. Senior Judge Paul J. Kelly Jr., writing for the three-judge panel that heard C.G.'s appeal, called the two cases "materially similar." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): Former New Castle police officer charged for excessive use of force in 3 arrests, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

A federal grand jury in Indianapolis charged a former New Castle Police Department officer for excessive use of force against three people. According to the indictment, 44-year-old Aaron Strong violated three people's civil rights by using unreasonable force when he arrested them, with all three injured in the incidents. The indictment also alleged Strong used dangerous weapons against two of the victims. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WISH-CW \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

CIVIL LAW

AP: Appeals court: Congress can see some Trump financial records, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 4:52 PM
A federal appeals court on Friday narrowed the range of documents House Democrats are entitled to in their years-long investigation of Donald Trump's finances. The decision from the federal appeals court in Washington almost certainly won't be the last word in the legal fight that began in 2019, when Trump was president and Democrats newly in charge of the House of Representatives subpoenaed a wealth of records from Trump's accounting firm, Mazars USA. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: Exxon, Shell may pursue part of \$1.8 bln Nigerian award--US appeals court, Jonathan Stempel, July 8, 2022, 12:11 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Friday said Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM.N) and Royal Dutch Shell Plc affiliates may try to enforce part of a \$1.8 billion arbitration award against Nigeria's state-run oil company, in a dispute concerning oil extraction near the African country's coastline. In a 3-0 decision, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan said a lower court judge erred in rejecting the entire October 2011 award, which by 2018 had grown to \$2.67 billion including interest, against Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Says Man's Residency Bid Nixed By Retroactive Law, Rae Varona, July 8, 2022, 8:53 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Friday declined to review a Mexican man's bid to vacate a deportation order, saying he should have applied for a green card before a law preventing inadmissible individuals from becoming lawful permanent residents took effect. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 7th Circ. Vacates Biofuel Fraud Forfeiture Interest Ruling, Celeste Bott, July 8, 2022, 7:02 PM

The Seventh Circuit on Friday found the wife of convicted biofuel credit fraudster Joseph Furando should have been given a chance to make her case to exclude certain assets from government...[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: DOJ Says Aerojet Cybersecurity FCA Settlement Worth \$9M, Daniel Wilson, July 8, 2022, 6:47 PM

Aerojet Rocketdyne has paid \$9 million to end a high-profile False Claims Act suit alleging the company misled the government about its cybersecurity compliance, the U.S. Department of Justice said Friday as it touted a whistleblower's role in the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Business Journals \(Sacramento, CA\)](#), [City News Service](#), [My News LA](#)

Law360; Checking In On DOJ's Promised White Collar Crackdown, Ilan Graff, July 8, 2022, 5:17 PM

In October 2021, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General John P. Carlin announced that the U.S. Department of Justice was building up a surge in resources for white collar enforcement,[1] a theme... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRIC-ABC (Richmond, VA): Two plead guilty to racketeering conspiracy in 'grandparent scam' that stole thousands of dollars from elderly, Ivy Tan, July 8, 2022, 5:47 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice announced in a release on Friday, July 8, that two scammers have been convicted for their involvement in a large-scale "grandparent scam" that resulted in the theft of thousands of dollars from elderly Americans. According to the DOJ's release, 74-year-old Lyda Harris, of Laveen, Arizona, and 35-year-old Tracy Ginton, of Orlando, Florida, pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy. The DOJ also noted that Harris had been extradited to the U.S. from Albania on Nov. 12, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Four U.S. border agency employees could face discipline over treatment of Haitian migrants,

Mica Rosenberg and Ted Hesson, July 8, 2022, 5:44 PM

Four employees from U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have been referred for disciplinary review over their treatment of Haitian migrants who they sought to push back across the Rio Grande using horses last September, officials said on Friday as the agency released a more than 500-page report on the widely filmed and photographed incident. CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus in a press conference stressed the disciplinary process related to the Sept. 19 incident was ongoing, and he did not identify the employees. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Review Finds Agents Used Unnecessary Force Against Black Migrants, Eileen Sullivan and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, July 9, 2022, 2:22 AM

Border Patrol agents on horseback used “unnecessary” force in September against Black migrants who crossed into Del Rio, Texas, en masse, amid a humanitarian crisis that exposed the Biden administration’s struggle to manage a record number of southwestern border crossings. In the absence of clear instructions from their supervisors, the agents took commands from the Texas state police and improperly “used force or the threat of force” to drive migrants back into the Rio Grande. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Children separated from relatives at the border could be reunited under new Biden program, Hamed Aleaziz, July 8, 2022, 5:59 PM (EDT)

After the girl’s grandfather died, she traveled from Guatemala to the Texas border with her uncle. Border Patrol agents separated them. The girl, then 10, ended up in foster care, while her uncle was deported, according to her attorney, Miriam Enriquez. Such painful separations could be avoided under a new Biden administration program that will allow children to quickly reunite with relatives like uncles and grandparents at the border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: ‘Dreamers,’ DACA and Biden’s First Try on Immigration: What to Know, Laura Litvan and Erik Larson, July 8, 2022, 11:16 AM

The young immigrants known in the US as Dreamers, and the federal program known as DACA that was designed to protect them from deportation, have dominated the fraught debate over immigration reform in Washington for the better part of a decade. President Joe Biden wants to put Dreamers on a fast track to citizenship. But nine states are suing to have DACA declared illegal, which could lead to these immigrants being kicked out of the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Punishment of Border Patrol agents is about protecting a president, not migrants, Jonathan Turley, July 9, 2022, 9:30 AM

President Eisenhower once said that “The search for a scapegoat is the easiest of all hunting expeditions.” When it comes to subordinates, that can become a virtual canned hunt for a president. Worse yet, presidents often use other subordinates to pull the trigger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Leaked data show US bracing for 161,000 unaccompanied children at border this year, Anna Giaritelli, July 9, 2022, 7:00 AM

The Department of Homeland Security anticipates as many as 161,000 children coming across the border alone without a parent or guardian this year, surpassing last year’s record, according to federal data obtained by the Washington Examiner. The soaring numbers of children traveling north to the United States with the aid of cartels, which charge families thousands of dollars each to transport a child, has remained unchecked since President Joe Biden took office a year and a half ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 9th Circ. Says Man's Residency Bid Nixed By Retroactive Law, Rae Ann Varona, July 8, 2022, 8:53 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Friday declined to review a Mexican man's bid to vacate a deportation order, saying he

should have applied for a green card before a law preventing inadmissible... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: ICE Agrees To Stop Use Of Contractors In California Arrests, Rae Ann Varona, July 8, 2022, 6:16 PM

Private contractors will no longer be used by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to make immigration arrests at California jails and prisons, as part of a settlement ICE reached with a... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): 93 migrants, 3 stash houses found by El Paso Sector Border Patrol, Fallon Fischer, July 8, 2022, 11:16 PM (EDT)

U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the El Paso Sector found 93 migrants and three stash houses over the last several days, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. On Tuesday, agents received information of possible smuggled migrants being in the Segundo Barrio area in El Paso. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KQED-PBS/NPR (San Francisco, CA): ICE Detainees Protested \$1-a-Day Wage. Now They're in Solitary Confinement, Farida Jhabvala Romero, July 8, 2022, 7:49 PM (EDT)

Two immigrant detainees have been held in solitary confinement for over a week for backing a labor strike seeking better wages and conditions at the privately run facility where they are held in Bakersfield, the men told KQED. [...] Mohamed Mousa and Pedro Figueroa said they were moved to a restricted housing unit after signing a declaration on June 28 that they and 15 others were joining a months-long peaceful work stoppage by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees who are paid \$1 a day to clean dormitories and bathrooms. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): CBP Air and Marine Operations provide advantage to Border Patrol from above, Jonathan Mejia, July 8, 2022, 7:27 PM (EDT)

KFOX14 was able to fly along with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in their helicopter over the Borderland skies. The aerial view provides authorities an advantage from the sky. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): Border Patrol Chief chimes in on Gov. Abbott's executive order to arrest and return migrants to the border, Zack Briggs, July 8, 2022, 6:54 PM (EDT)

The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection is now reacting to Governor Greg Abbott's executive order that permits state authorities to apprehend and return migrants to the southern border. Commissioner Chris Magnus spoke during a press conference Friday to announce recommended disciplinary actions for four Border Patrol agents who according to a 511-page report, used 'unnecessary' force in a 2021 confrontation near Del Rio involving Haitian immigrants. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVIA-ABC/CW+ (El Paso, TX): CBP officers foil multiple concealment efforts to smuggle hard narcotics in El Paso, David Gonzalez, July 8, 2022, 6:35 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers say they made multiple seizures for hard narcotics in the El Paso area over the last week. Drugs included fentanyl, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. Concealment attempts included hiding drugs under clothing, in bras and in cars. Some pedestrians had drugs strapped to their backs and stomachs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Google offers concessions to avoid U.S. antitrust lawsuit -WSJ, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 2:38 PM

Alphabet Inc's (GOOGL.O) Google has offered concessions to avoid a potential U.S. antitrust lawsuit alleging that the company abuses its clout in the advertising technology business, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter. Google has proposed spinning off parts of its business that

auctions and places ads on websites and apps into a separate company under Alphabet that could be valued at tens of billions of dollars, the report added. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: 5 poultry industry execs found not guilty of price fixing, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 12:00 PM

Five executives from the poultry processing industry have been found not guilty of conspiring to fix prices. A jury in a Denver federal court acquitted former Pilgrim's Pride CEOs Jayson Penn and William Lovette; Roger Austin, a former Pilgrim's vice president; Mikell Fries, president of Claxton Poultry and Scott Brady, a Claxton vice president. In October 2020 Pilgrim's Pride reached a plea agreement with the U.S. government over charges of price-fixing in the chicken industry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

WSJ: Justice Department Fails for Third Time to Convict Chicken Executives in Price-Fixing Trial, Patrick Thomas and Dave Michaels, July 8, 2022, 1:49 PM

Federal prosecutors failed for a third time to convict five chicken-company officials of allegedly conspiring to fix prices, dealing a blow to the Justice Department's antitrust division and its efforts to rein in the meat industry. Jurors in a Denver federal court on Thursday evening acquitted all five defendants, who had been accused of illicitly coordinating what their companies would charge restaurant buyers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: Millions in refunds await those who used Western Union to pay scammers, Kate Gibson, July 8, 2022, 3:56 PM

People tricked into wiring money to fraudsters through Western Union have until the end of August to file for a full refund as part of a \$586 million settlement reached by the company and the government. The Department of Justice has already distributed more than \$366 million to more than 148,000 victims, many of them elderly, and refunds are still available, with the deadline to file a claim recently extended, according to the Federal Trade Commission. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: [ANALYSIS] 2 Mistrials, 1 Acquittal & A DOJ Listening Problem, Bryan Koenig, July 8, 2022, 7:50 PM

The defense said the case should have never been brought. The judge told the U.S. Department of Justice's top antitrust official to "reflect" on the evidence after two separate juries deadlocked on price-fixing charges against chicken industry executives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 7th Circ. Backs Spoofing Convictions Of Ex-Deutsche Traders, Tom Zanki, July 8, 2022, 7:03 PM

The Seventh Circuit on Thursday upheld the convictions of two Deutsche Bank metals traders for wire fraud, ruling that the pair engaged in an unlawful spoofing scheme that tricked competing market... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: DOJ Defends Army Swag Bid Rigging Case Against Dismissal, Matthew Perlman, July 8, 2022, 5:03 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has urged a Florida federal court not to toss antitrust charges against a man accused of rigging bids for customized promotional products sold to the U.S. Army, saying his dismissal bid misconstrues the law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Attorney General sends letter to FTC on baby formula shortage, Danielle Sandler, July 8, 2022, 3:40 PM

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey sent a letter, including 15 other states, to the Federal Trade Commission responding to the commission's request for possible causes of solving the baby formula shortage nationwide. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Ex-Ohio Terminix Franchisees Must Clean Contaminated Site, Eric Heisig, July 8, 2022, 9:45 PM
A federal judge has ordered a family that owned a Terminix franchise to clean up suburban land soaked in decades-old pesticides in Columbus, Ohio. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Federal Approval Of Lobster Fishery Violates ESA, Judge Says, Clark Mindock, July 8, 2022, 7:28 PM

A federal judge Friday invalidated approvals for a lobster fishery in the North Atlantic after finding the government failed to adequately protect a threatened whale species, which environmental groups said needs strict protection so the whales don't die in fishing lines. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Biden Admin Floats State Roadway Emissions Tracking, Clark Mindock, July 8, 2022, 3:32 PM

The Biden administration has set its sights on reducing transportation emissions as its latest step in the fight against climate change with a new rule that will require states to establish declining greenhouse gas emissions targets for vehicles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

WaPo: By firing his enemies, Trump made their taxes more interesting to the IRS, Jacob Bogage and Josh Dawsey, July 8, 2022, 1:28 PM

The tax audits that examined the returns of two former senior FBI officials and adversaries of former president Donald Trump are part of a little-known research program designed to help the Internal Revenue Service collect data on possible future tax cheats. James B. Comey and Andrew McCabe, the former FBI director and deputy director, were subject to inquiries from the IRS's National Research Program for their tax returns from 2017 and 2019, respectively. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#)

Law360: 4th Circ. Greenlights IRS Summons In \$220M Easement Case, Asha Glover, July 8, 2022, 6:15 PM

The IRS can proceed with a summons seeking bank account information on a company that claimed a \$220 million conservation easement deduction and is being audited by the agency, the Fourth [...] [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMIZ-ABC (Columbia, MO): Versailles tax preparer sentenced to prison, Matthew Sanders, July 8, 2022, 10:00 PM

A tax preparer from Versailles will spend more than a year in federal prison and pay more than \$180,000 in restitution after pleading guilty to filing false tax returns. Angela Jo Campbell Young, 56, was sentenced Thursday in federal court after admitting to filing tax returns under two Social Security numbers from 2008 to 2014, according to a U.S. attorney's office news release. She had been issued a new Social Security card and number in 2006 after a claim of identity theft, according to the release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOMU-NBC/CW \(Columbia, MO\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WaPo: Domestic terror cases increasingly cross borders, FBI director says, Devlin Barrett, July 8, 2022, 3:20 PM

Many domestic terrorism cases now have an international component, as would-be killers are "egging each other on" and drawing inspiration from racist or neo-Nazi attacks overseas, the head of the FBI and his British counterpart said Friday. FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, speaking to reporters alongside Ken McCallum, director general of the British domestic security agency MI5, said their agencies have spent decades developing

tip-sharing systems to handle international terrorism cases, but that “muscle memory” is now being applied to domestic terrorism investigations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: 5,000 pounds of meth seized in San Diego County when truck is followed after crossing border, officials say, Sharif Paget, July 9, 2022, 6:23 AM

More than 5,000 pounds of methamphetamine were seized this week after authorities in San Diego County tracked and intercepted a truck that crossed the US border from Mexico, officials said Friday. [...] "This monumental seizure represents another win against drug cartels that fuel addiction in the United States," said Shelly S. Howe, a Special Agent in Charge at the US Drug Enforcement Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [VIDEO] FBI Director weighs in on investigation into January 6 riot, July 8, 2022, 9:38 PM

CNN's Evan Perez interviewed FBI Director Christopher Wray and asked him about the ongoing January 6 Capitol riot investigation. Here's what he said. [[Watch](#)]

CNN: FBI Director Wray tells CNN there are 'way, way too many people' acting violently on political grievances, Evan Perez and Hannah Rabinowitz, July 8, 2022, 2:00 PM

Hours after the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday, top US and British law enforcement leaders decried threats facing public figures around the globe in an exclusive interview with CNN, saying that there is a "right way" to protest political grievances. "There are way, way too many people in today's world who are taking their very passionately held views and manifesting them through violence," FBI Director Christopher Wray told CNN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Greeley Tribune (Greeley, CO): The Fed confiscated missing medals from the Springfield Armory in the 1990s, Amelia, July 9, 2022, 7:39 AM (EDT)

Investigators confiscated 24 shooting medals from the 1880s and 1890s after a collector called the armory to inquire about similar items. According to federal officials, these shooting medals from the late 1800s were taken illegally from Springfield Armory nearly 30 years earlier. Federal agents in Boston recovered 24 shooting medals from the late 1800s, they say were illegally taken from the Springfield Armory nearly 30 years earlier. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Boston Herald (Boston, MA): Republicans slam Joe Biden, John Kerry, Hillary Clinton over 'lack of transparency', John Dwinell, July 8, 2022, 8:43 PM

A newly declassified FBI memo states the discovery of Hillary Clinton's secret email server came from a Freedom of Information Act request — raising concerns over John Kerry's lack of transparency. The Republican National Committee told the Herald Friday the “political elite” in the Democratic Party are angering voters over a failure to quickly share public records. The FBI document posted this month states a FOIA request from an unnamed source helped identify “the possible compromise of classified national security information” by Clinton. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): Faculty member at Jamaican university arrested for decades-old sexual assaults in Margate, Michelle Solomon and Joseph Ojo, July 8, 2022, 7:41 PM

A man who police said is responsible for several sexual batteries that happened between June of 1996 and November of 1997 in Margate will remain in jail without bond. Russell McLean was arrested in May in Jamaica where he was a faculty member at Northern Caribbean University, which identifies itself as a “Seventh-day Adventist institution, which has as its mission, quality Christ-centred education . . .”. [...] On May 24, 2022, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service, McLean was located in Jamaica, where he was serving as a faculty member at Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMAR-ABC (Baltimore, MD): "Making it safer": U.S. Marshals Service arrests 1,501 fugitives nationwide, including 89 in Baltimore area, Bryna Zumer, July 8, 2022, 5:54 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service arrested 89 fugitives in the Baltimore area last month, as part of a nationwide fugitive apprehension initiative that targeted 10 high-crime cities. The results of "Operation North Star" were announced this morning. Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott and Police Commissioner Michael Harrison were on hand for the press conference. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZ-CBS (Baltimore, MD): Joint Law Enforcement Sweep 'Operation North Star' Results In 89 Fugitive Arrests, Officials Say, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 5:45 PM

"Operation North Star," a joint action by the U.S. Marshals Service and local law enforcement, resulted in the arrest of 89 fugitives in the Baltimore area, including nine people wanted for murder, officials said. Following the 30-day sweep, 20 people wanted on attempted murder charges, 10 people wanted on firearms charges, 32 people wanted on aggravated assault charges and seven people wanted on robbery charges were also detained. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NYT: [OPINION] Why Does It Take Federal Intervention to Fix the N.Y.P.D.?, Mara Gay, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

The saga of the Special Victims Division is the latest illustration of the extraordinary measures required to meaningfully reform the nation's largest police department. [...] The Justice Department is investigating the New York Police Department's handling of sex crimes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Ahwatukee Foothills News (Phoenix, AZ): Federal probe of Phoenix PD costs \$1.9M so far, Paul Maryniak, July 9, 2022, 4:04 AM (EDT)

The city so far has spent \$1.9 million on its efforts to cooperate with the U.S. Justice Department civil investigation into Phoenix Police. The bulk of that expense up to now has involved the \$1.35 million in salaries paid to the nine fulltime employees who have been assigned to gather materials requested by the Justice Department since it began its investigation Aug. 5, according to a memo that City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the city Law Department sent City Council on June 30. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: States' top lawyers ask Supreme Court to review charity-only class settlements, Alison Frankel, July 8, 2022, 4:12 PM

State attorneys general are once again calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to restrict the use of charitable donations as an alternative to class payouts in class action settlements. Led by Arizona's Mark Brnovich, 20 state AGs filed an amicus brief on Thursday, backing a petition for Supreme Court review of a \$13 million privacy class-action settlement that called for Google Inc to donate money to universities and non-profits dedicated to internet privacy issues instead of paying the funds to class members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Brett Kavanaugh is the latest target of protests at D.C. restaurants, Emily Heil and Tim Carman, July 8, 2022, 4:13 PM

After the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, eliminating the fundamental right to abortion, comedian Samantha Bee floated a plan for targeting the conservatives on the court who made up the majority opinion: "We have to raise hell — in our cities, in Washington, in every restaurant Justice Alito eats at for the rest of his life," she implored viewers of her late-night show, "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee." "Because if Republicans have made our lives hell, it's time to return the favor." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: **[ANALYSIS] Experts Split On Gorsuch's Power To Uphold Tribal Rights**, Caleb Symons, July 8, 2022, 9:39 PM

Following Justice Neil M. Gorsuch's fiery dissent in a case involving Oklahoma's authority to prosecute certain crimes on Native American reservations, experts are divided over whether the justice — once poised to reshape the federal judiciary's view of Indian law — can still champion tribal interests at the Supreme Court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **[ANALYSIS] Checking In On DOJ's Promised White Collar Crackdown**, Ilan Graff, July 8, 2022, 5:17 PM

Though U.S. Department of Justice white collar prosecutions have not surged as expected after its October 2021 pivot to corporate enforcement, the DOJ's emphasis on C-suite accountability and new scrutiny of more industries are signs that companies are entering a more demanding era of enforcement, says Ilan Graff at Fried Frank. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFGO-AM (Fargo, ND): **Judge refuses to dismiss tribes' lawsuit over redistricting**, Ashley Jung, July 9, 2022, 7:21 AM

A federal judge in North Dakota has denied the state's request to throw out a lawsuit brought by two Native American tribes that allege the state's new legislative map dilutes tribal members' voting strength. The lawsuit filed in February by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and the Spirit Lake Tribe alleges that the state's Republican-led Legislature's new map violated the Voting Rights Act. U.S. District Judge Peter Welte's ruling Thursday dismissed the state's argument that the tribes lacked the standing to sue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOKI-Fox (Tulsa, OK): **Oklahoma inmate convicted of killing fellow inmate to improve standing in prison gang**, Dana Nickel, July 8, 2022, 3:59 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced Friday that 39-year-old William Clayton Brown, of McIntosh County, Okla., was found guilty by a federal jury of murder in Indian Country. The jury trial began Tuesday, July 5 and concluded Thursday, July 7. Based on the jury's verdict, Brown is facing a mandatory minimum sentence of life in federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

WGBH (Boston, MA): **Mass. marijuana equity advocates say federal action would 'level the playing field'**, Kana Ruhalter, July 8, 2022, 11:00 AM

After a six-month wait, the Department of Justice finally responded to Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Cory Booker's letter to the White House asking President Joe Biden's administration to effectively decriminalize marijuana and pardon all non-violent cannabis-related offenses. Warren's office called the 230-word, half-page response "extraordinarily disappointing" and issued another statement with five fellow senators on Wednesday urging the administration to take federal action. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: **W.Va. Opioid Verdict Widens Judge-Jury Split On Vital Theory**, Jeff Overley, July 8, 2022, 11:27 PM

A resounding victory by drug distributors in a bench trial over West Virginia's catastrophic opioid crisis underscores a growing gulf between judges and juries in broader opioid litigation, with judges increasingly rejecting a crucial legal theory while juries embrace it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Impassioned Biden signs order on abortion access, Seung Min Kim, Zeke Miller, and Chris Megerian, July 8, 2022, 6:43 PM

President Joe Biden on Friday condemned the “extreme” Supreme Court majority that ended a constitutional right to abortion and delivered an impassioned plea for Americans upset by the decision to “vote, vote, vote vote” in November. Under mounting pressure from fellow Democrats to be more forceful in response to the ruling, he signed an executive order to try to protect access to the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: US sending \$400 million more in military aid to Ukraine, Lolita C. Baldor, July 8, 2022, 6:05 PM

The Biden administration said Friday that it will send another \$400 million in military equipment to Ukraine, including four more advanced rocket systems. The weapons, said a senior defense official, will bolster Ukrainian efforts to strike deeper behind Russian frontlines in the eastern Donbas region. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#)

Reuters: Biden says he has not decided on China tariffs, reviewing them 'one at a time', David Lawder and Andrea Shalal, July 8, 2022, 4:40 PM

President Joe Biden said on Friday that he has not yet made a decision on whether to cut some U.S. tariffs on imports from China, saying his administration was reviewing them "one at a time."

Biden had been due to discuss the tariffs with his advisers on Friday, but it was unclear when he would make a decision on whether to remove some of them to try to fight inflation, people familiar with the deliberations said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: EXCLUSIVE Top U.S. LNG producer Cheniere asks Biden admin to drop pollution rule, Valerie Volcovici, July 8, 2022, 4:05 PM

Cheniere Energy Inc (LNG.A) has asked the Biden administration to exempt it from limits on emissions of cancer-causing pollutants, arguing they would force the top U.S. exporter of liquefied natural gas to shut for an extended period and endanger the country's efforts to ramp up supplies to Europe, according to documents reviewed by Reuters. The request imposes an uncomfortable dilemma on President Joe Biden's administration as it tries to balance efforts to slash pollution from the fossil fuel industry against promises to help European allies cut energy ties with Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden "stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened" by Abe killing, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 3:00 PM

President Joe Biden expressed outrage at the fatal shooting of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday, calling him a champion of the U.S.-Japan alliance who cared deeply about the Japanese people and democracy. "I am stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened by the news that my friend Abe Shinzo, former Prime Minister of Japan, was shot and killed while campaigning. This is a tragedy for Japan and for all who knew him," Biden said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [LAT](#)

Reuters: U.S. women should be wary of period-tracking apps, White House says, Jeff Mason, July 8, 2022, 1:47 PM

Women in the United States should be wary of apps that track their menstrual periods after the rollback of federal abortion rights, a White House official said Friday. "I think people should be really careful about that," Jen Klein, the director of the White House's Gender Policy Council told reporters Friday, when asked whether the administration recommended that women delete such apps. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden to visit Japan embassy following ex-PM Abe's death, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 1:36 PM
U.S. President Joe Biden said he will visit the Japanese embassy in Washington to sign a condolence book after Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was gunned down on Friday. He also said he tried to call Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who he called "a very solid guy," adding "Japan is a very, very stable ally." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Public health emergency over abortion rights is 'not off the table' - White House, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 1:26 PM

The Biden administration is still considering declaring a health emergency over abortion rights and it is "not off the table," White House gender policy council chair Jennifer Klein said on Friday. "We are really looking at everything, it is definitely not off the table," Klein said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

Reuters: Biden says women must vote in November elections to codify abortion rights, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 12:36 PM

President Joe Biden on Friday urged women to vote this November, saying the fastest way to reverse the U.S. Supreme Court's rollback of abortion rights is to have large Democratic majorities in Congress to pass a law codifying such rights. "This is the fastest route available," he told reporters at the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Family of slain Palestinian-American reporter asks to meet with Biden, Humeyra Pamuk, July 8, 2022, 12:33 PM

The family of slain Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh has accused the United States of providing impunity for Israel over her killing and asked to meet President Joe Biden in person during his trip to Israel next week. In a letter to Biden posted on Twitter on Friday, the family said the administration simply adopted the Israeli government's conclusions over her death, which it described as an extrajudicial killing, while falling short of its own stated goal of ensuring full accountability. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden orders U.S flags flown at half-staff to honor Japan's Abe, Unattributed, July 8, 2022, 12:58 PM

President Joe Biden said on Friday he had ordered U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff through July 10 to honor Shinzo Abe after the former Japanese prime minister was gunned down while campaigning for a parliamentary election. Abe "was a proud servant of the Japanese people and a faithful friend to the United States," Biden said in statement. "Even in the moment he was attacked and killed, he was engaged in the work of democracy, to which he dedicated his life." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Supreme Court 'will not protect the rights of women,' Biden says, John Wagner and Mariana Alfaro, July 8, 2022, 8:20 PM

President Biden said that the Supreme Court "has made clear it will not protect the rights of women" as he held an event to sign an executive order that, among other things, seeks to safeguard access to abortion medication and emergency contraception and to protect patient privacy. At a White House event, Biden reiterated his call for voters to elect supporters of abortion rights in the fall to counter what he called "an exercise in raw political power." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [EDITORIAL] What the Biden Administration Could Do Now to Protect Abortion Rights, Editorial Board, July 8, 2022, 6:36 PM

Less than three weeks have passed since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and already chaos reigns. Several states are moving to ban abortion almost completely, abortion-rights proponents are challenging those bans in court and in some cases, judges have been asked to issue injunctions that could, for a time, prevent the bans from going into effect. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: **Biden Lauds CIA for Punching ‘Gigantic Hole’ in Putin’s Playbook**, Akayla Gardner, Justin Sink, and Jordan Fabian, July 8, 2022, 5:43 PM

President Joe Biden praised the Central Intelligence Agency’s efforts to expose Russia’s plans to invade Ukraine, telling the staff that they had “punched a gigantic hole” in President Vladimir Putin’s objectives. “It was thanks to the incredible work of our intelligence professionals that we were able to forewarn the world what Vladimir Putin was planning in Ukraine,” Biden said during his first visit as president to CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: **Biden Administration Asks Supreme Court to Rule on Immigration Enforcement**, Jess Bravin and Michelle Hackman, July 8, 2022, 5:36 PM

The Biden administration asked the Supreme Court Friday to reinstate immigration enforcement guidelines that a lower court blocked after Texas and Louisiana filed suit arguing that the policy lets too many noncitizens with criminal records go free while their cases are processed. The guidelines focus detention efforts on noncitizens deemed to threaten national security, public safety and border security. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [Roll Call](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Times](#)

Bloomberg: **US Says All Options on Table to Deal With Mexico Energy Policy**, Eric Martin and Max De Haldevang, July 8, 2022, 1:55 PM

President Joe Biden’s trade chief reiterated US concerns over Mexico’s state-favoring energy policies and said all options will be considered in dealing with the dispute. “I have made very clear that all options are on the table and that we’ll continue to explore those options,” US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said during a press conference Friday following meetings with her Mexican and Canadian counterparts in Vancouver. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: **Biden Brags There Are More Private-Sector Jobs Now Than Under Trump**, Justin Sink, July 8, 2022, 10:06 AM

President Joe Biden said Friday’s jobs report showed that “our private sector has recovered all of the jobs lost during the pandemic, and added jobs on top of that” but predicted employment gains would slow in the coming months as the country transitions to “stable growth.” “We have more Americans working in the private sector today than any day during Donald Trump’s Presidency – more people than any time in our history,” Biden said in a statement, adding that the employment situation left the US “uniquely well positioned to tackle a range of global economic challenges – from global inflation to the economic fallout from Putin’s war” in Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: **Calls for TikTok Probe Widen, Adding to Pressure on Biden to Weigh In**, John D. McKinnon, July 8, 2022, 8:05 AM

Calls for an investigation into the security risks posed by the video app TikTok are widening, adding to pressure on President Biden to make good on his year-old promise to get tough on apps that could share Americans’ personal data with foreign adversaries. The Democratic chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the panel’s top Republican sent a joint letter to the Federal Trade Commission this week urging an investigation of TikTok’s data-handling and other practices. TikTok’s parent, ByteDance Ltd., has its headquarters in Beijing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: **[AUDIO] Podcast: Biden’s bold moves abroad to win at home**, July 8, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

In the five months since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the American public’s attention has turned back to problems at home — and President Biden hasn’t gotten a good grade for his handling of them. But last week, he was able to lead major policy breakthroughs at the NATO and Group of 7 summits. Today, can Biden’s push to spread democracy abroad help him deal with various crises back home? [[Listen](#)]

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Reuters: U.S. House panel to investigate companies sharing reproductive data, Rose Horowitz, July 8, 2022, 4:53 PM

A U.S. congressional committee has asked data brokers and personal health apps to explain how they handle users' reproductive health data amid concerns states will use the information to track patients seeking abortion where it is illegal. Democrats on the House of Representatives Oversight Committee said they were concerned that location data, search history and other information on mobile phones could create "digital bread crumbs" that reveal interest in an abortion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Evening News with Jericka Duncan

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Japan's Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated as he gave a campaign speech for his party's candidate on Friday in Nara, Japan. The alleged suspect, 41 y/o Tetsuya Yamagami admitted to shooting Abe with a handmade firearm fashioned out of metal and wood. World leaders expressed condolences, President Biden stating, "I am stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened by the news that my friend Abe Shinzo, former Prime Minister of Japan, was shot and killed while campaigning." [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Billionaire Elon Musk called off his \$44 Billion deal to buy Twitter stating Twitter was in material breach of their agreement because the company made false and misleading statements during negotiations. The Twitter Board plans to pursue legal action to enforce the merger agreed upon with Musk. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- President Biden under pressure signed an Executive Order aimed at protecting access to reproductive health services even while admitting his power on the issue was limited. Biden spoke of a 10y/o seeking an abortion having to travel to another state to obtain an abortion, urging women to vote for Democrats in the midterm to make the right to an abortion federal law. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The Biden Administration is celebrating the June Jobs Report which noted 372K new jobs added with an unemployment rate of 3.6%, exceeding expectations. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The first two funerals and a memorial service for 3 of the 7 victims shot and killed at the July 4th Highland Park parade. One of the youngest victims, 8 y/o Cooper Roberts is awake and off a ventilator asking for his twin brother who was wounded by shrapnel, even as the community attempts to come together and heal from the shootings. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Former White House counsel Pat Cipollone, a key witness to the chaos inside the West Wing as the events of Jan. 6 unfolded, testified in front of the House Jan. 6 Committee. Cipollone told the Jan. 6

Committee he would not discuss his direct conversations with former President Donald Trump but was expected to testify to the things he saw and heard on Jan. 6 and the days leading up to it. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The US is sending an additional \$400 Million dollars in military aid to Ukraine. Ukraine has received 4 long range high precision rocket systems, as well as a thousand precision military rounds which may help tip the scales against the Russians. [[ABC](#)]
- Calls to bring Brittney Griner home have increased, 24 hours after Griner pled guilty to charges brought against her in Russia. Cherelle, Griner thanked President Biden for his hand delivered letter to Griner, while it was also revealed Biden called Paul Wheelan's sister [[ABC](#)]
- In an interview with Vice President Kamala Harris to be aired on Face The Nation the Sunday, Harris stated, "all of us share a deep sense of outrage that the United States Supreme Court took a Constitutional Right that was recognized. . . ." regarding the ending of Roe v. Wade. [[CBS](#)]
- COVID cases are on the rise, fueled by the BA.5 Omicron strain, which appears to be 3 to 4 times resistant to antibodies, and is responsible for 53.6% of new infections. The rise in infections is forcing some cities to reconsider mask mandates. [[CBS](#)]
- As abortion laws change from state to state there are growing concerns regarding IVF and reproductive rights. Several clinics are working with women to transfer fertilized eggs of women in states with restrictive abortion laws. [[NBC](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Suspect in Shooting of Japan's Abe Thought to Have Trained in Rifle Use" [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#), [NYT](#)]
- "Sri Lankan prime minister says he'll resign as protesters storm president's home" [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "As Musk moves to abandon deal, Twitter faces 'worst case scenario'" [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "Blinken Urges China to 'Stand Up' Against Russia" [[NYT](#)]

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PRESS BRIEFING
BY PRESS SECRETARY KARINE JEAN-PIERRE

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

12:57 P.M. EDT

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Good afternoon, everybody. Okay. And Happy Friday to everyone. Just a quick note, because we wanted to make sure we had a briefing today, but the President, as you know, has a very tight schedule.

Today he's going to be heading to the C A, so this is going to be a short briefing, so apologies at the top. But again, we wanted to make sure you guys all had an opportunity to ask your questions.

So joining us today is Jen Klein, the Director of the White House Gender Policy Council, which was established by President Biden at the start of this administration. This is her second time in the Briefing Room, some of you might remember.

By creating the Gender Policy Council, President Biden fulfilled a campaign promise to create a White House team backed by the whole of government for defending women's rights and advancing equality.

When the draft decision of Dobbs was leaked this spring, Jen Klein and the Gender Policy Council, along with other senior officials here at the White House, put every policy action on the table and evaluated them through an intensive process to determine which were the strongest and the most meaningful.

With that, Jen, 'll let you take it away.

MS. K E N: Thank you. Thanks, Karine, for having me today. As you said, when the final decision was issued, the President took immediate action under his executive authority to defend reproductive rights. And just now, as you know, he signed an executive order which builds on those actions.

So just to talk a little bit about what's in this executive order: t safeguards access to reproductive health services, building on steps HHS has already taken to ensure that medication abortion and contraception, including emergency contraception and long-acting contraception, are as widely available as possible, as well as the Attorney General's commitment to fight any attack by a state or local official who attempts to interfere with women exercising their constitutional right to travel out of state for medical care.

t also protects the privacy of patients and their access to accurate information, building on steps that HHS Office of Civil Rights has already begun to take to ensure that doctors and medical providers and plans know that, with limited exceptions, they're not required and, in many cases, they're not even permitted to disclose patients' private information.

t also promotes the safety and security of patients, providers, and clinics -- the physical safety and security. And finally, it coordinates the implementation of federal efforts to protect reproductive rights and access to healthcare.

As Karine said, my team, working really with colleagues all across the White House and around the administration, has been working around the clock since the draft decision was leaked in May. And we are going to continue to evaluate all options and steps that we can take.

So, as Karine said, know we're short on time. So, with that, 'll just be open to take your questions.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Aamer.

Q Yeah, ma'am, Senator Marco Rubio is demanding the federal government --

Q Thank you.

Q -- not provide sick leave to federal employees.

Q Thank you. f --

Q Will you respect the Hyde Amendment?

Q Medicaid Admin- --

Q Will this administration respect the Hyde Amendment?

Q The Medicaid Administrator said that the Biden administration was considering having Medicaid pay for travel for people. And with some of the instances that the President just highlighted in his speech just now, that seems like something that would be very useful right away. Just wondering, why isn't that included in this tranche of action?

And then secondly, if you could just broadly speak: There's been some frustration with abortion rights supporters that this administration is not moving fast enough. Some of this stuff seems like it could have been done on day one, considering you knew the leak and what was coming.

MS. K E N: So, on your first question on Medicaid, you know, as you heard from the President the day of the decision and again today as part of this executive order, we are very focused on protecting that right to travel.

The Attorney General issued an extremely strong statement, again, on the day of the decision, and has continued to be vigilant so that no woman, no person who is seeking a medical service in a state where it is legal is prevented from doing that.

We're also looking at all options to figure out how to best effectuate that right to travel.

On your second question more broadly, sort of take issue with the premise of the question, because think, first of all, what the President did on day one, which was really significant, was to take immediate action, as said, to ensure that medication abortion is available and accessible.

Fifty-four percent of abortions in this country are through Medicaid [sic] abortion -- medica- -- medication abortion, excuse me. So that is a hugely significant thing to make sure that people have accurate information about medication abortion and have the right to take it.

You know, a sort of falsity that is already out there is that it's illegal everywhere in the country. t's not. So we're, in this executive order, taking further action to make sure that the FDA has the support they need to go through their scientific process and that people have the information they need to access and get this vital critical medication, as well as contraception, which, you know, as we noted, the Supreme Court put on the table already.

The other thing would say is, you know, the leaked decision was two weeks ago. So in addition to the immediate actions that the administration took, Secretary of Health and Human Services Becerra took a series of actions while the President was away in Europe. When he came back, his first public event was meeting with nine Democratic governors, who really are in the frontlines, to talk to them about what we could do best to help them and what they are doing on their own to actually ensure reproductive rights and health in their states.

And then the last thing would say -- and, you know, you heard the President say it - - is: You can't solve by executive action what the Supreme Court has done. The

Supreme Court has taken away a constitutional right that was precedent for nearly 50 years.

And think we all need to be mindful -- he is very mindful, we are all very mindful -- that that can't be solved by executive action alone and that the best and fastest way to fix that is by codifying Roe, restoring Roe by legislation. But that doesn't mean we won't be taking the actions he took today and more as we consider best actions.

Q So is there a disconnect there? Because there is frustration. There is no doubt there's a lot of frustration, and some of the frustration is undoubtedly -- through anybody in this room that's spoken to a voter or an American that supports abortion rights -- that there is frustration with the administration. So is there a disconnect in what's happening and their ability to message it?

MS. K E N: Well, would say that, you know, first of all, if you look at what NARA and Planned Parenthood said today about the actions that we're taking, they've both called it, you know, important steps.

And 've been in constant contact with stakeholders across lots of different constituencies and lots of different coalitions, from women's rights to reproductive rights and justice, civil rights, community, businesses, medical providers, mean, the American Medical Association and the ACOG and -- American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Very supportive of the actions we're taking to protect providers' rights and responsibilities to offer the services that they are legally allowed to provide, and to make sure that their responsibilities but also protect them in this time where, you know, what we are experiencing already but will continue to experience is serious legal chaos.

So think we are taking strong action. And again, we're going to continue to look for where we can take the most significant actions.

Q Does this administration --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Michael. Michael.

Q -- respect the Hyde Amendment, ma'am? Simple question.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Michael.

Q t's a real simple question. Do you respect the Hyde Amendment or no?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Michael, go ahead.

Q You can't answer that question?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Michael.

Q Sorry, so 'm a little still confused about what the actual -- the order actually does. t says here that it directs Mr. Becerra to develop a report identifying potential actions; to consider updates to guidances; to -- it directs the Chair of the Federal Trade Commission to consider actions; it asks Mr. Becerra to consider actions

about protecting information; it talks about protecting the -- you know, the sort of safety of people, but it doesn't say how.

mean, how is this -- how is any of this actually doing the things that you say it's doing, or isn't it just repeating what the President said two weeks ago that he wanted to do but has already, both he and -- he and Mr. Becerra have both said their, sort of, hands are tied? think Mr. Becerra's comment was that there is no silver bullet here. So, mean, what is it actually going to do tomorrow?

MS. K E N: There are -- there are many new things in here, so let me -- let me walk through a few of them.

First of all, on privacy: You know, what we are seeing is already an assault on people's privacy. And there's sort of two things in the executive order to address that. The first is through the Federal Trade Commission.

Q But it doesn't actually do anything. t says it asks the Federal Trade Commissioner to consider actions, right?

MS. K E N: Yeah. So the Federal Trade --

Q What actions -- what actions do you want him to do?

MS. K E N: The Federal Trade Commission is obviously an independent agency, so the President can't compel them, which is why, you know, the exe- -- the words of the executive order are "to consider."

But what believe the Federal Trade Commission is looking to do is to ensure that people's private health information is not sold by data brokers, that when somebody goes on and does a Google search to find an abortion clinic, that that information is not made publicly available.

They have to make their --

Q How are they -- how are they going to do that?

MS. K E N: They have to make -- they have to make their own enforcement decisions, and obviously, neither nor -- certainly not me, but the President can't compel them to bring any sort of enforcement action. But they can clarify their policy, and that's what this executive order asks them to do.

Q Do you guys know what policies you would like them to clarify?

MS. K E N: Just what said: that --

Q But mean, specifically?

MS. K E N: They're the experts, and so they will make a determination and then release a policy statement, believe, that will ensure that people's private, sensitive health information is protected on the nternet, that people have access to accurate information.

This is -- this is what they will be able to do.

Q Okay. And the second piece is the HHS Secretary -- that's not -- he's not an independent agent. So why -- why are you just directing him to consider actions? And what actions do you want him to consider?

MS. K E N: So, what the executive order asks the Secretary to do is come back within 30 days with a plan. So part of this, as you are noting, are things the President has talked about and what -- and what the Secretary has already started to work on.

And what this asks for is a very deliberate plan and process to make sure that medication abortion is available; to support the FDA in their determination -- their scientific determination about this medic- -- critical medication, which, by the way, has been safe and legal for 20 years; and to take other steps.

So, to take one other example, emergency medical care. We need to make sure that when somebody walks into an emergency room and they're pregnant, that they are getting the care that they need and that they are not being turned away because -- either because a provider doesn't know that they're legally required or able to give them that care.

So there is guidance that the secretary can issue and the Secretary will issue to make clear what kind of treatment somebody needs to be -- needs to receive when they walk into an emergency room.

Same thing for pharmacists. You know, again, back to the notion of legal chaos, pharmacists don't know whether they can dispense mifepristone, the drug which is medication abortion -- which, by the way, is used in miscarriages, which are 1 in 10 pregnancies.

So again, the Secretary can take action, through guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services specifically, to make clear to pharmacists, again, what their responsibilities are but also what their rights are as pharmacists so that they are not putting themselves in jeopardy.

Q Thank you so much. The White House says this executive action will expand access to medication abortion. How, specifically, will the administration do that? What concrete steps will be taken?

MS. K E N: Well, that's what we're looking for the Secretary to come back to us with. mean, the two things immediately is -- is what 've noted, which is that the FDA is in a process right now, and they need to continue to do their process. And again, they are independent, they're making their own scientific judgment, but to do - - to extend permanently what they did in April.

So, in April, what they did was they said that medication abortion should be available by telehealth, and it should be able to be -- to be mailed.

And currently, they're going through a scientific process. And we can't interfere with that process, but the Secretary can support them in any way that he needs to.

And the other thing is we, you know, launched a website, ReproductiveRights.gov, and there will be many other ways to communicate -- again, as said, both, you know,

critical medications like medication abortion, but also contraception, which is at risk.

Emergency contraception is at risk in states across the country now, partly because there are states that are -- are passing laws that say that fertilization -- that fertilization begins -- that pregnancy begins at fertilization, and that puts a drug like emergency contraception at risk. And we need to clarify for people what is and isn't available to them.

Q But just to -- just to follow up really quickly here. Is this sort of like a wait-and-see approach here for the American people? The White House says that this executive action will be expanding access to medication abortion, but right now, there's no details, no concrete steps until the Department of Health and Human Services releases that in 30 days?

MS. K E N: No, no. The Secretary -- mean, I know it feels frustrating because we're taking action and then asking for more action. But the Secretary is already taking action. The website is already launched. The Attorney General has already made a statement that we will be vigilant about protecting people's right to travel and also to look at the question about whether mifepristone should be available and how it can be available, because the FDA has already spoken, 20 years ago, that this is a safe and effective drug.

And at the same time, what we've asked for is, you know, continued vigilance and an ongoing process and ongoing work to make sure that that is really happening.

You know, as I said, this is not going to be solved by one day's action. So the -- you know, the strong statement at the outset; all the work we've done, both before the decision and after the decision; and then, you know, we will come back. And you know, the report from the Secretary is just one step in the process.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: They moved the gather time, so we got to go.

Q So, again, the Hyde Amendment -- will you answer my question? Really simple.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Phil. And then (inaudible).

Q The idea of a public health emergency has been something some advocates have pressed for. My understanding is it's not off the table but that the consideration may give a window into the complexities that you guys are trying to deal with right now. Can you explain, kind of, the approach as it pertains to that specific item?

MS. K E N: Yeah. So, as you said, we're really looking at everything. And it is definitely not off the table, as are many other options.

When we looked at the public health emergency, we learned a couple things. One is that it doesn't free very many resources. It's what's in the public health emergency fund, and there's very little money -- tens of thousands of dollars in it. So that didn't seem like a great option. And it also doesn't release a significant amount of legal authority. And so that's why we haven't taken that action yet.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead.

Q So, ma'am, pro-life Americans -- one question.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sir, you're being rude.

Q Pro-life Americans --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sir, you're being rude to your colleagues.

Q All the questions you're taking are pro-abortion. So let me ask you this question.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Excuse me --

Q Senator Marco Rubio --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Caitlin.

Q -- is demanding --

Q Two questions.

Q -- the federal government not provide sick leave to federal employees who travel to get abortions. Should -- he says that would violate the Hyde Amendment. So, what's your response to it?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sir, take a seat in the back. You're being rude to your colleagues and our guest.

Go ahead, Caitlin.

Q Two questions.

Q 'm not (inaudible). can stand right here and ask my questions (inaudible).

Q The President --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sir, please. Please.

Q can ask my question. She doesn't want to answer it.

Q The President, earlier today, encouraged people to go out and vote, and essentially said, " if you want to change the rights for women, you have to show up at the ballot box."

Does that suggest that, with this order, the President has reached the limit of what he can do unilaterally?

MS. K E N: No, it does not. t means it's an important step that we're taking today. And we will continue to look at all options on the table that are legally appropriate.

Q have another question about privacy. s the White House encouraging people in states where abortion is going to be illegal to not use different apps -- period-tracking apps, Google searches on fertility, those kinds of things? s the White House directing people to stop using those apps?

MS. K E N: wouldn't say we're directing people. But think people should be really careful about that. And one of the things that HHS did just last week was -- as part of this website and also made public in other ways -- is literal instructions, practical instructions of how to delete certain apps that are on your phone so that if you want to protect yourself, you have the ability to do that.

Q And then, sorry, quickly on the abortion pill: s the President, is the administration directing the FDA to loosen restrictions on the abortion pill?

MS. K E N: The President can't direct the FDA. The FDA has to go through their process. But -- and they are in the middle of a process not to loosen restrictions but to clarify what the restrictions are and who can dispense and who can prescribe mifepristone.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. Two questions left. Jeff and then -- go ahead.

Q Can you give -- right here. Oh, and also, earlier you said the leaked decision came out two weeks ago. You probably meant six weeks.

MS. K E N: Sorry, yes.

Q The actual one was two weeks ago.

MS. K E N: The actual decision. Sorry. Thank you.

Q Can you give us a sense of what other options are on the table now that this executive order has been signed?

MS. K E N: 'm not going to preview our process. But all the things that you've heard about that have been suggested by advocates, by members of Congress -- literally every single one of those things we have run down and either decided was not a viable option at the moment or are continuing to run down.

Q And one question about the pill. s this White House studying or is the administration studying making it easier for people to get that pill without a prescription?

MS. K E N: Again, the FDA has to go through their process. t's -- it's currently not only not -- it is not available without a prescription. And -- and, in fact, there are part of these -- the guidance that FDA has already issued is pretty specific about it.

So can't answer a question about what they might consider in the future. But would say: At present time, it is -- it is a pretty regulated medication.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: ast question.

Q Thank you. One of the executive actions announced today was creating a task force. Why wasn't that created after the Dobbs decision was leaked to help prepare?

MS. K E N: So, we've been -- you know, a number of us have called it a task force, a war room. We've been meeting literally every day for weeks, far before the -- not only the decision, but the leaked decision, to think about all of the options that we could put in place to respond.

So this just formalizes the interagency work that's been going on between the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services -- really all of the agencies and across the White House.

And the reason, actually, we decided to formalize it and also to make clear that it will also be available as a way to communicate and coordinate with states was when the President met with the governors, they specifically asked for it.

One of the things that was really interesting to us is that when we've been meeting with state attorneys general, state legislators, and as well when the President met with the governors -- and, by the way, the Vice President has had a number of meetings, as have , with all of those different state officials.

One of the things that has come to the front is the avail -- is the importance of connecting them to each other, creating a network so that they can learn from each other. So, you know, states that are looking at laws to prevent extradition of providers who are providing a legal service in the state of, you know, where they -- where they reside, it became really clear that this was something that was very much needed. So we decided to make it part of this order.

Q And one clarifying question on the public health emergency. So, if -- would you say that you -- the White House believes it has the authority to declare the public health emergency to preserve broad access to abortion services?

MS. K E N: The Secretary of Health and Human Services has to declare a public health emergency. And it's not a question of legal authority that -- he has the authority to do that at any time. The question is, "What authority does he gain by declaring a public health emergency?"

Q Will you take any questions from a pro-life American audience at all?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Thanks.

Q No? You'll just walk away? Okay.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Thank you.

Q Karine, have a question. Does the President have a reaction to the passing of the former Angolan President, Eduardo dos Santos? noticed that you just had your reaction to the passing of -- to the death of the Japanese prime minister.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: et me -- let me just get started, and then 'll -- 'll come back to you. Okay? et me just get started with the -- with the briefing.

We don't have a lot of time. As we know, the President is going to be leaving for C A pretty sho- -- pretty soon, and we're going to gather very shortly.

But do want to take a point of privilege and acknowledge Angela Perez, who is going to be leaving us. We have many big things to celebrate today, but you leaving and getting a promotion to the Department of Commerce as Deputy Press Secretary.

Angela has been with us from the beginning. She is what we call an "OG Biden person." She was with us on the campaign. And her tell -- intelligence, her follow through, and humor had been a gift to all of her colleagues here at the White House. know some of you have experienced her humor in this very room.

And we are going to be incredibly sad to see you go. But we're also going to be cheering you on as you do -- go and do really amazing and great things. And as said, today is her last day. And we love you, Angela. Thank you. Thank you for all that you do.

All right, Aamer, why don't you kick us off?

Q Sure. One question. understand we're tight on time.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah.

Q Shireen Abu Akleh's family sent President Biden a letter in which they noted their "sense of betrayal" with the State Department's report on her killing. t was a very scathing letter.

Will the President meet with the family? Will he bring up the case with sraeli officials next week?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So haven't seen the letter as yet. have heard about the letter; just haven't had a sens- -- a chance to read it. And 'm not going to get ahead of the President's travel and what he'll be doing on his travel in the Middle East.

But can assure you that he has been closely monitoring the developments of the investigation into Shireen's killing. You have heard us talk about it many times right here at this podium.

Senior American officials also continue to be in touch with Abu Akleh family. And we hear their concerns. We feel their pain. We can't even -- we can't even imagine what they must be going through. don't want to imagine.

We continue to urge cooperation between srael and the Palestinian Authority on next steps. And we -- and we definitely continue to urge accountability.

Q And as far as the gather: s the briefing going to continue? And --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'll go for -- 'll go a little bit longer for folks who stay.

Q Okay. Should people gather and leave at 1:20?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: bel- -- they should if they want to -- if they want to catch --

(laughs) -- the President at the C A. But 'll continue.

Go ahead, Jeff.

Q And just one quick one before we leave? Can you give us an update on the President's thinking on tariffs and lifting tariffs in China?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah, so we don't have anything, clearly, right now, at this time on -- on the -- on the tariff decision. The President, as 've said many times, is considering all options. This is an important decision that the President is making on behalf of the American public.

As soon as we -- as soon as we have something, we will we will share that.

Go ahead, Caitlin.

Q Some Democratic senators have praised the President's executive order today but say that he should be doing more. What else is the White House planning on doing? And does the President believe that he can do any more on this issue?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So the President -- you heard him speak very passionately today. He is going to continue to do everything that he can -- the legal authority that he has -- to continue to work and make sure that we -- that we look at all options to protect women, to protect women's rights, and their freedoms. So it doesn't end today.

t be- -- it be- -- you know, all of this kind of began on the day that decision was -- the Dobbs decision was made.

But he's been also very clear -- like said, you heard him today: The way to -- to really address this is for people to make sure that their voices are heard at the ballot box. That is what he is calling for. That is what we are -- we are asking our fellow Americans to make sure that they speak up and get their voices heard.

Q But does that --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yes?

Q Does that suggest that he believes that he doesn't have any more legal authority to act on this issue?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No, he said he's going to -- he has -- we have continued to say he's going to look at every option that he has.

But, look, here's what we saw -- right? -- we heard him say that what -- the SCOTUS decision was not driven by the Constitution. t was driven by political and extreme raw political power. A decision that was made -- he disagrees with that decision. He thinks it's extreme. We have to be sure, and we continue --

He wants to be straight with the American people. And if you look at what's going to happen across the board; if you look at what Republicans -- national Republicans are saying: They're asking or going to go for a national ban.

So our work now is -- he's going to -- again, continue to do the work that he can from here. But also, you know, call on Congress to act. If they cannot, we have to make sure that people's voices are heard at the ballot box.

Q And just quickly, has he ruled out the sanctioning of federal lands for abortion?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, we are -- we're looking at all options. Everything is on the table. We have talked about how, you know, while this is a -- a idea that comes from a good place, it is definitely a difficult thing to protect the provider or to protect any -- any woman who is on federal land, once they leave. It puts them in a legal -- kind of an illegal bind. So it is something that we have to think about when we have those discussions.

But again, everything is on the table. He's going to do everything that he can from whatever legal authority that he has to make sure that we continue to protect women's rights and also the freedom of women.

Go ahead.

Q In many ways, the President's rhetoric today was almost declaring war on the Court. He talked about galvanizing women voters, especially, to act. But he said some things that are kind of unusual for a President who is an institutionalist, when you're talking about a co-equal branch of government.

Is it the President's view that the Court is not apolitical any longer? Is it his view that it is, in fact, motivated by politics in all matters or just the Dobbs decision?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, I'll say this: The President respects the institution. He respects the Court. What he doesn't -- what he believes was unconstitutional, and spoke to this -- to this this morning -- to this morning and also prior, is their decision. He believes the decision that this Court has made is extreme and it is beyond the pale.

We are talking about, as you know, you know, a constitutional right that was around for almost 50 years. And so, when you think about that -- when you think about what was done two weeks ago, the President wants to speak very clearly and loudly about what we saw and how this will have an effect, as we know, on women's rights and women's freedom. And beyond that -- it's going to go beyond that when you think about privacy, when you think about contraception, when you think what else that -- what else extreme Republicans -- Republicans that he has called the "Ultra" -- the "Ultra-MAGA" of the Republican wing is planning to do.

But the reality is: In order to have pro-choice senators, pro-choice House members, we have to make sure that folks have their voices heard at the ballot box. And that is what he's going to continue to call on to make sure that they exercise their rights as well.

Q Is it his view that the Court is now a politicized body or not an independent judicial panel?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, he believes that this was done by a war of political power.

You heard him say that today, that this decision was not a constitutional decision. It was beyond extreme. It will -- you know, it will hurt people's lives. It will depend, you know, people's -- you know, people's everyday decision on their own body and what they can decide what they -- what they need to take care of their health and how they want to grow their family. And so that is incredibly important as well.

Again, this decision was incredibly extreme. He's going to -- he's called that out. He's talked about that very emphatically, as you heard him today.

And -- but we have to also do our part. We have to do everything that we can to codify Roe into law. And the only way to do that is to make sure that Congress acts.

I'm going to -- go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. Governor Abbott in Texas issued an executive order today calling on the National Guard and officials there to apprehend undocumented immigrants. So I'm wondering if the administration is planning any legal response, and if you'll prohibit the National Guard from participating?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So I'll say this: The immigration enforcement is a federal authority, and states should not be mandating it -- meddling in it. That is just -- especially governor of Te- -- the Texas governor, Abbott, who has a track record of causing chaos and confusion at the border.

So I would refer you to DOJ on any legal matter. But again, this is an -- immigration enforcement [sic] -- enforcement is a federal authority.

Q TPS for Venezuelans is up for renewal next week. Do you have any sense of how the President is planning to proceed there? And if he's not going to renew it, what has -- what the circumstances have changed?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So I'm not going to get ahead of the President's decision on TPS. I don't have anything for you at this time to preview.

Q And then one last one. You've discussed multiple times that the only way to, sort of, restore Roe is through legislative action and electing more Democrats, which I think is undeniably true based on the, sort of, math.

But in the period, you know, before the ruling was issued, there was an effort by some Republican senators to pass a sort of scaled-down bill. We heard the President today talk passionately about a case -- a reported case of a rape survivor that had to go across state lines.

Is the administration at all interested in engaging with Republicans on a smaller (inaudible) bill that might protect rape victims', incest victims' right -- you know, health of the mother -- less than Roe -- undeniably less than, you know, you and abortion activists want, but more than exists after the ruling?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So I don't have anything to share right now about what we would do that's less than Roe. The President's priority right now is to make sure we codify Roe. And that is what is going to bring back the rights of women and the freedoms that women have.

And, you know, we have to take what the Court did very seriously, even what Judge [Justice] Thomas said about privacy and contraception and marriage. That is something that we have to be -- should be ready for. And that's why the President laid out what he has in the past two week -- two weeks -- whether it is the two executive authorities that he took on the day that the decision was made on Dobbs, which is making sure that the FDA provided approved medication to its full extent, because that is so incredibly important for women who are looking to have abortion; and also making sure that women who decide to travel across states have the protection; and everything else that he talked about today -- the privacy component, protecting clinics.

And so that's what he's going to continue to do. He's going to continue to see what other legal authorities that he has -- he has to move forward and protect -- to protect those rights.

But the way that we truly get back those freedoms, that constitutional right that people -- the American public had for almost 50 years is we have to codify Roe into law.

Go ahead.

Q The President mentioned that he's going to stop by the Japanese embassy today to sign a condolence book. Anything else you can share about how the administration is going to respond to this assassination? Any consideration of the President or Vice President traveling for the funeral? Anything like that at this point in time?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So don't have anything to share on the funeral travel. believe -- believe that they haven't set a date yet for the former prime minister. The President mentioned that he tried to give a call to the Prime Minister of -- Kishida, the current Prime Minister, obviously, to offer up his condolences.

You all saw the President's statement from this morning, where he is deeply saddened and outraged that his friend and former Prime Minister Abe was shot and killed. We send our deepest condolences to former prime minister and his family and all those who loved him. The President and the American pu- -- the American people stand with the people of Japan in their time of mourning. We have unwavering confidence in the strength of Japanese democracy and firmly believe that the former Prime Minister's legacy will live on.

For -- as far as travel or funeral arrangements, believe those have not been set, and just don't have anything to share at this time.

Q One follow-up on that question, Karine.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sure. You can follow up.

Q Would the administration be open to the possibility of including President Trump as part of the presidential delegation that goes to the funeral?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, as far as know, a funeral date has not been scheduled. would --

Q They're doing this July 12, so that would be the same day that the President is traveling.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- again, don't have anything to share with you on his travel at this time. But would refer you to President Trump on his own plans. can't speak to that from here.

Go ahead.

Q Thank you, Karine. You've talked a little bit about privacy today. Does the President think it's appropriate for abortion rights protesters to intimidate Supreme Court justices when they're out to eat, like Brett Kavanaugh, who had to sneak out of a steakhouse last night?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: We have been pretty clear on this, the President has been very clear, that we condemn any intimidation of judges in this specific question here. We have condemned that. We have signed -- he has assigned a piece of legislation making sure that they have the protection that they need. And so we --

Q But you never said, "Don't go to their houses." So as long as they're peaceful, would you say, "Don't go to a restaurant that a Supreme Court justice is at"?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: What I'm saying is we condemn any intimidation when it comes to judges. We've been -- the President has talked about this, and we have put out statements in his name and many, many times.

Q So there are circumstances that it's okay if protesters know that if a justice is out to eat at a restaurant, that pro- --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well --

Q -- that they can go and protest as long as they are what you consider peaceful? That's okay?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, we have said that we want to see peaceful protests. That's what we have said. We want to see the pe- -- the protests be peaceful. But when it comes to intimidation, that is something that we have condemned.

Q So where's the line? If these protesters can go to a justice's house and they can go to a restaurant, where is it that you don't think it's appropriate for a group of protesters to go?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Where is -- just laid out. You asked me about intimidation. We condemn intimidation. We condemn any violence. And we've been very clear that is -- it is like clear -- it is a clear definition of what violence is and what intimidation is. Peaceful protest -- people should be allowed to be -- to be able to do that.

Q In a restaurant?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: If it's outside of a restaurant, if it's peaceful, for sure.

Q Really?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Peaceful protest. Where is -- you were -- your first question to me was "intimidation" --

Q So these justices --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- and violence.

Q -- because protesters do not agree with an opinion that they signed on to, have no right to privacy, is what you're saying?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: But, Peter, this is -- this is -- people have the right -- this is what a democracy is. People have the right --

Q Do people have a right to privacy?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Of course, people have a right to privacy, but people also have a right to be able to protest peacefully. Peacefully.

Q s that safe?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: t's the intimidation and the violence that we condemn.

Q s -- is that safe?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Peter --

Q sn't that creating a potential really bad situation when there are people -- even if they're being peaceful at the time, they're angry. And that's why they would be there, right?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Peter, we have condemned any intimidation and violence.

Q But you just said it's okay if they go to a restaurant.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: said peaceful protest should be allowed. We do -- we do commen- -
- condemn intimidation --

Q That's not --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- and we condemn any violence at any -- whatever -- every ty- --
whatever type of violence. We've been very clear on that. We've been --

Q So President Biden --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: And the President has signed -- the President has signed legislation that was passed bipart- -- in a bipartisan way in Congress to make sure that the judges have the protection that they need. We -- this administration -- has provided U.S. Marshals, through the DOJ, to make sure that these judges are protected. So we have shown how we want to make sure that intimidation and violence is not the way to go. t is not the way to have a political discourse.

'm done here, Peter.

Go ahead.

Q The Mexican President will be here next week. I want to get from you what President Biden expects out of that. And secondly, if you can respond to the criticism from the Mexican President over the spying charges against Julian Assange.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, I'll speak to the -- to the AM O meeting -- is what you're speaking to.

Look, the President and the First Lady look forward to welcoming the President of Mexico and the First Lady here to Washington next week. It's going to be a bilateral visit, as we've spoken about before. And they'll have an opportunity to carry -- to work on the summit -- to carry out the work of the Summit of the Americas forward. That was the summit that happened in Los Angeles not too long ago, just a few short weeks ago.

They will discuss a broad and deep agenda, including joint efforts on migration, food security, and economic opportunity. And so the President looks forward to having that conversation, and he's going to welcome them next week.

Q Can you -- could you address that second part? The president made some very critical comments about tearing down the Statue of Liberty, you know, if the U.S. proceeds with that -- he's offered asylum there. Which -- what's the administration's response?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, we see -- we see AM O, the President of Mexico, as a partner. We are -- they are welcomed here next week. We're going to have a bilateral meeting. There will be many conversations that will be had. And I'm going to leave it as that.

Go ahead.

Q Can I just follow up on one last question?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah. Yeah, sure.

Q It's been reported that the President is considering giving a speech after the January 6th hearings are completed. Can you -- can you discuss that with us? And what's the -- what would be the intent of that?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I cannot confirm a speech that the President -- the President may or may not be having. That is not -- right now we are letting the January 6th Committee hearing go and do their -- do their jobs.

The President has -- as he has said many times and we have said many times, thinks it's -- their work is important. Is it a -- it is an independent process that they are -- a bipartisan, independent process that they're running.

And we believe -- as the hearings are going on, we believe it's important for the American people to see exactly what happened on that day. January 6th was a dark day for our democracy. It was an attack on our law enforcement. And so we wanted -- we

want to respect their process, and we're just not going to comment on that while it's going on.

do not have a speech to confirm for you at this time.

Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. The White House has taken credit for the recent drop in gas prices. Do you believe that the administration's moves are more responsible for that drop than, say, changing consumer behavior and the fact that some recession jitters also seem to be pushing oil prices under \$100 a barrel?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as you heard from the President today, he -- we saw the gas prices go down for 25 consecutive days and about 25 cents.

While we understand that that is not enough, and we understand that people are still going through a lot -- a lot of pain and with the -- with the cost of gas prices -- we know what it means for families.

But we do believe that the President has really taken this on these last several months: when it comes to Strategic Petroleum Reserve and that historic 1 million barrels a day; when it comes to the homegrown biofuels, the ethanol 15, that the President has called on. Remember that is only available in the wintertime; we made that available during the summer. And all of those -- all of the work that the President has done has helped to blunt the price increase.

Now, remember this price increase is due to Putin's -- Putin's tax hikes, Putin's war -- a brutal war on Ukraine. And that's why we have seen the increase of gas prices. That's why we have seen the increase -- food.

And so, the President is going to continue to do the work. We know we need to do more. That's why he asked for the gas tax holiday, which we -- is something that we're calling on Congress to do, something that's very, very easy to do that's going to give some -- a little bit more relief to the American public.

But, again, we are happy to see the decrease of gas prices. But we know we need to do more.

Q Karine?

Q Karine --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Hold on, -- go ahead, Phil. haven't seen you in a while.

Q Thank you, Karine. The President shared that tragic story, moments ago, about the 10-year-old girl who had to travel across state lines to receive an abortion. And I'm wondering, has the White House confirmed that local law enforcement knows the identity of this 10-year-old victim? And has the President directed the DOJ to do everything it can to prosecute the abuser and protect her?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So I'll say this: Anything to do with the DOJ that's a -- that's a legal component, would refer you to DO- -- to DOJ. don't have more to share on

the identity of this young woman or the question that you just asked me.

The President spoke to that -- a young woman -- just to show how extreme the decision on -- the Dobbs decision was and just how extreme it is now for American public, the American families when there is no exception at all. When you have such a young girl who has to carry out the child of a rapist, that is unacceptable. You heard that from him directly.

And this is why he is calling for action. This is why he's trying to do everything that he can from his legal authority that he has. And so, he's going to continue to do that work.

But again, it is -- we have to make sure Congress acts.

Q Right. But is he taking any steps to protect her? Or does he expect that, you know, law enforcement will? know he cited her in the speech, and know that he wants some of these larger reforms, he wants Congress to act. But, mean, this little one certainly seems to be (inaudible).

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, think what the President is calling on and what he has laid out is to protect girls and women like her and beyond -- right? -- who do not have the rights and the freedom. That is why he's calling for the action that just laid out for Congress.

That is why he is using his legal authority and making -- and made an announcement on the executive authority -- the executive action today.

And so, he's going to continue to do that work. He's going to do everything that he can to protect young people who are like this young girl.

But at the same time, he's going to call it out and use his bully pulpit to make it clear of what is happening out there is unacceptable.

Q And just a very, very quick follow-up. asked on Tuesday about the releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Were there any conversations before that release about making certain that that oil -- the million barrels a day -- stayed domestic? mean, was the administration aware that, you know, some of that oil could end up going overseas?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So when it comes to the oil, it is something that oil companies decide what -- you know, we cannot control what oil companies do with their oil.

And so, would ask -- you should ask the oil companies about where they are sending the oil they purchase and why. That is not something that we can answer from here.

The Department of Energy can't dictate what oil companies do with the oil they purchase or where they ship it to sell. That is something, again, that the oil company decides on.

And again, would refer you to Department of Energy on that question.

Q Thank you, Karine.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. Thank you. We got to go. Okay, go ahead, Phil.

Q Just real quick. The President has been so sharp in his denunciations of this Court -- of this Court's majority -- a majority that -- nobody is going anywhere anytime soon. If he's so sharply opposed to what they've done, why doesn't he support any changes to this Court or this Court's majority?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, because the President believes the best way to use our political capital is to make sure that we do everything that we can to get Congress to act; to make sure that we do everything we can to get pro-choice Democrats in the Senate, pro-choice Democrats in the House; to really codify Roe into law. That is the fastest way, the best way that we can get this done. That's why he's calling on the American people to go to the ballot box and get their voices heard. And that is the best way that we can get that done.

Q (inaudible.)

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I know. Simon, I owe -- I owe you a question. Go ahead.

Q I have two questions. The former President of Angola, Eduardo dos Santos, died today at the age of 79. Does the President have any reaction or any plans to call President João Lourenço?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So -- I don't have any calls to preview at this time. Clearly, it is sad to hear that news. And, you know, our sympathies and condolences go out to the family. I just don't have a call to preview at this time.

Q The second question: I know in the past few weeks you've had questions on abortion, on inflation -- everything that goes wrong with the President. Is there anything -- or can you list a few things that are going right for this President at this moment?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, I would point you to the jobs numbers today. We saw 375,000 jobs in this past -- in the past month. While we understand what the American public is going through at this time, that is a good sign. That is a good sign for the economy.

And we also saw that unemployment rate is -- it remains at 3.6.

And in -- also, in those numbers, we saw that we are -- we have created -- we are back to the pre-pandemic job numbers when it comes to the private sector, which is incredibly important. And we've added jobs. We saw 1 million jobs added in this past quarter.

All of those things are very important as we talk about moving this historic economic recovery into transition -- into a transition so that we can really truly deal with inflation.

And so I think these numbers -- and you heard the President talk about that. He listed all of the -- all of the items that I just listed in -- at the top of his speech.

And one more thing that someone just asked me as well is: We saw gas prices drop by 25 cents this past two weeks. That is also important.

We understand there's more work to be done. But a lot of that that we are seeing is because of the work that this President has done. When you look at the jobs number -- is because of this -- the work that this President has done. When you think about the American Rescue Plan, how it turned the economy back on -- all of those things are incredibly important.

But again, we have more work to do, and we will continue to do that work on behalf of the American people.

Thank you. Thanks, guys.

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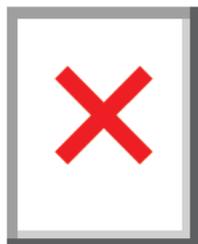
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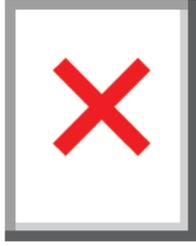


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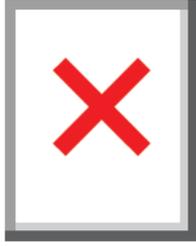
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D R I V I N G T H E D A Y

BREAKING OVERNIGHT — Former Japanese Prime Minister **SHINZO ABE** was shot and killed during a campaign speech Friday in western Japan. He was 67.

[AP](#): “He was airlifted to a hospital but officials said he was not breathing and his heart had stopped. Police arrested the suspected gunman at the scene of an attack that shocked many in Japan, which is one of the world’s safest nations and has some of the strictest gun control laws anywhere. ... The former leader is still highly influential in the governing Liberal Democratic Party and heads its largest faction, Seiwakai. Elections for Japan’s upper house, the less powerful chamber of its parliament, are Sunday.”

[NHK](#): “Sources with the investigation tell NHK a gun seized at the scene appeared to be handmade.”



An employee distributes extra editions of a newspaper reporting Japan's former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was shot, Friday, July 8, in Tokyo. Eugene Hoshiko/AP Photo

RECESSION WATCH — The June jobs report will be released at 8:30 a.m. Along with next Wednesday's June CPI report, this morning's data will help inform the Fed when it meets on July 26 and 27 to decide how much more to hike interest rates. The Fed is debating between a .5- or .75-percentage-point hike. A good report today — say, above 250,000 jobs created in June — means the larger hike is more likely as the Fed tries to cool the economy.

THE USICA-RECONCILIATION DANCE — CHUCK SCHUMER made a couple of new moves in his effort to advance two pieces of legislation tangled in political knots.

Recall that Senate Minority Leader **MITCH MCCONNELL** [recently tweeted](#), “There will be no bipartisan USICA as long as Democrats are pursuing a partisan reconciliation bill.”

USICA, the United States Innovation and Competition Act, is the industrial policy legislation that would shower the semiconductor industry with \$52 billion of incentives to ramp up chip-making in America. China hawks like the bill because it makes the U.S. less reliant on Chinese imports. The Biden administration hails it as a policy that will strengthen the supply chain, boost domestic manufacturing, and “help us outcompete China.”

The new reconciliation bill being negotiated by Schumer and Sen. **JOE MANCHIN** (D-W.Va.), who tanked the last one in December, has been inching along.

“Roughly speaking, Manchin and Schumer are working toward legislation that provides \$1 trillion in new revenues, half of which would go toward deficit reduction and half of which would go toward energy and health spending,” [report Burgess Everett and Marianne Levine](#). “Such a deal is hypothetical at the moment: The tax and energy pieces remain in major flux.”

This week, the portion of the bill dealing with prescription drug pricing was submitted to the parliamentarian for review, though the two parties haven't yet made their presentations before her. (Democrats have told Republicans they are ready to start next week.)

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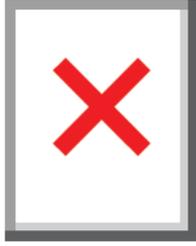
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If they had to choose between the USICA and a reconciliation bill, most Dems would rather have the reconciliation bill, so it's unclear how much McConnell's threat matters. But **Schumer is doing two new things** to put pressure on the minority leader and his GOP colleagues:

- **He's amping up the national security case for USICA.** According to a spokesperson, Schumer has "requested an all-Senators classified briefing from the administration on the global innovation and technology race" and USICA. The briefing is scheduled for next Wednesday.
- **He's highlighting a new highly popular piece of reconciliation.** Schumer has crafted a proposal for the reconciliation package that would extend the solvency of Medicare through 2031 by taxing very high earners. ([The AP has the full details of the idea.](#)) Schumer is ready to submit the Medicare proposal to the parliamentarian, likely on Monday.



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer speaks with reporters at the Capitol on June 22. J. Scott Applewhite/AP Photo

Next week will be busy on both fronts, and these two Schumer moves are aimed at McConnell's threat linking the two bills. (We remember when McConnell thought linkage was bad because it would ["hold a bipartisan bill hostage over a separate and partisan process"](#)!)

"McConnell [is] in [a] tough spot," one Senate Democrat argued to Playbook last night. "Blocking tough-on China-bill because he doesn't want to extend Medicare and lower prescription drug prices." Then again, this could be wishful thinking: One thing McConnell has learned over the years is that when you're in the minority, there is little price to pay for obstruction.

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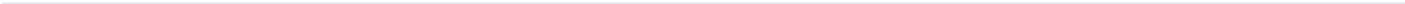
"THE RIGHT ... TO EAT DINNER"— On Wednesday night, D.C. protesters targeting the conservative Supreme Court justices who signed onto the Dobbs decision overturning the constitutional right to abortion got a tip that Justice **BRETT KAVANAUGH** was dining at Morton's downtown D.C. location. Protesters soon showed up out front, called the manager to tell him to kick Kavanaugh out and later [tweeted that the justice was forced to exit through the rear of the restaurant](#).

Daniel Lippman looked into the incident for us and confirmed that account.

While the court had no official comment on Kavanaugh's behalf and a person familiar with the situation said he did not hear or see the protesters and ate a full meal but left before dessert, Morton's was outraged about the incident. A rep for the chain steakhouse sent Lippman this statement:

"Honorable Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh and all of our other patrons at the restaurant were unduly harassed by unruly protestors while eating dinner at our Morton's restaurant. Politics, regardless of your side or views, **should not trample the freedom at play of the right to congregate and eat dinner.** There is a time and place for everything. Disturbing the dinner of all of our customers was an act of selfishness and void of decency."

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MUST-READ OF THE DAY — [Michael Schaffer on Mark Leibovich's new book](#), “Thank You for Your Servitude”:

““I wrote in “This Town,” oh my God, the top guy at Treasury went to Goldman, what an outrage, you know?” [Leibovich] says. ‘And now we’re using terms like “civil war” and “threat to democracy” and it’s not overheated, and we basically have bigger fish to fry.’

“It’s like your favorite arena-rock band promising a darker, more introspective follow-up album.”

BIDEN’S FRIDAY:

— **9:30 a.m.:** The president will receive the President’s Daily Brief.

— **11:30 a.m.:** Biden will deliver remarks on protecting access to reproductive health care services with VP **KAMALA HARRIS** and HHS Secretary **XAVIER BECERRA** also in attendance.

— **1:55 p.m.:** Biden will depart the White House.

— **2:15 p.m.:** Biden will visit the CIA HQ in Langley, Va., where he will deliver remarks at 3:40 p.m.

— **4:30 p.m.:** Biden will return to the White House.

— **7:45 p.m.:** The president will depart the White House en route to Rehoboth Beach, Del., where he is scheduled to arrive at 8:40 p.m.

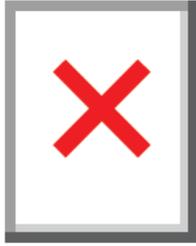
HARRIS’ FRIDAY: At 4 p.m., the VP will convene state legislative leaders from Indiana, Florida, South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana to discuss reproductive rights.

Press secretary KARINE JEAN-PIERRE will brief at noon.

THE HOUSE and **THE SENATE** are out.

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



President Joe Biden awards the President a Medal of Freedom to gymnast Simone Biles during a ceremony at the White House on Thursday, July 7. Susan Walsh/AP Photo

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THE WHITE HOUSE

BIDEN TO TAKE ACTION ON ABORTION — Biden is planning to “take executive action Friday to protect access to abortion,” [AP’s Seung Min Kim and Zeke Miller scooped late Thursday night](#).

The details: “The actions he was expected to outline are intended to try to mitigate some potential penalties women seeking abortion may face after the ruling, but are limited in their ability to safeguard access to abortion nationwide. Biden is expected to formalize instructions to the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services to push back on efforts to limit the ability of women to access federally approved abortion medication or to travel across state lines to access clinical abortion services.”

BIDEN HIS TIME — Plenty of ink has been spilled about Dems questioning whether Biden is

prepared to *meet the moment* that he is facing on multiple fronts that threaten to undermine his administration and wipe out Democrats in the midterms. And those stories don't show sign of stopping anytime soon: “Underlying it all is **a concern that Biden and his team are not just out of fresh ideas, but increasingly out of time** to turn around their flagging poll numbers before the midterms,” [Jonathan Lemire and Christopher Cadelago report this morning](#).

“**Rather than abruptly changing strategy, Biden’s team has doubled down** on what it believes is an effective two-pronged approach: First, to make steady — if at times slow — progress on the challenges it faces, or at least demonstrate to voters the president is fighting an intractable problem; and second, to highlight contrasts with Republicans to paint them as a party beholden to its extremists and doing little to help struggling Americans.”

MIKE MADRID, a veteran Republican strategist and Trump critic: “He’s the last of his kind. He served in the Senate for decades when it worked. He built personal relationships across the aisle when that still happened. He still believes the system works, or at least hopes it can. ... But that time has passed.”

ALL POLITICS

GOP SENATE HOPEFULS’ HIGH-RISK STRATEGY — Out with the old, in with the new. Several bipartisan deal-making Republicans are retiring from the Senate. And whereas they made reelection appeals in years past that were aimed at playing to the middle, they’re being replaced this year by a slate of GOP candidates that is “largely foregoing appeals to the center, instead doubling down on conservative positions — from opposing popular bipartisan reforms to celebrating the rollback of abortion rights,” [Natalie Allison writes this morning](#).

“**The stark difference in rhetoric and policy positions** between those outgoing senators and the Republicans back home running for their seats also illustrates the deeply polarizing approach being taken by a new crop of GOP candidates,” Natalie writes. “It’s a reflection of both the Trumpification of the party and a calculation that they can still win because the environment is so bad for Democrats this year. And it shows their apparent belief that the electorate now prefers fighters, not peacemakers.”

THE GOP’S MICHIGAN PROBLEM — [AP’s Brian Slodysko, Sara Burnett and Thomas Beaumont take a magnifying glass](#) to Republicans’ efforts to unseat Michigan Gov. **GRETCHEN WHITMER**, which they write is “shaping up as a battle of whose personal baggage is the least disqualifying.” Among the GOP field, which has been littered with scandal after scandal, “there’s little reliable polling to suggest there’s a clear front-runner among the remaining candidates. But Republicans insist Whitmer is still vulnerable this fall given rising prices for gas and food and her close ties to President Joe Biden, whose approval ratings remain low.”

LOOKING AHEAD — [“How The Supreme Court Could Turbocharge Gerrymandering — Just In Time for 2024,”](#) by FiveThirtyEight’s Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux and Nathaniel Rakich

JUDICIARY SQUARE

BREYER’S NEXT MOVE — What might retired Justice **STEPHEN BREYER** do next? [AP’s Jessica Gresko takes a look](#) at his options.

TRUMP CARDS

WHAT’S UP AT THE IRS — The IRS on Thursday called it “ludicrous and untrue to suggest” that officials at the agency specifically targeted both **JAMES COMEY** and **ANDREW MCCABE** for an extremely intense and extraordinarily rare audit, [as the NYT reported on Wednesday](#). Lawmakers, however, found it hard to believe it was a simple coincidence. Despite his agency’s pushback, IRS Commissioner **CHUCK RETTIG** said on Thursday that he personally requested a Treasury Department watchdog to investigate the matter, [Bernie Becker and Brian Faler report](#).

The controversy comes at an interesting time for Rettig: “The IRS commissioner’s term is to expire in November, and Biden administration officials had already begun interviewing potential candidates for his replacement before this week’s news,” [WaPo’s Jeff Stein reports](#), and Rettig has “expressed openness to a second term.”

— *Related read:* [“How Unlikely Is It That the Audits of Comey and McCabe Were a Coincidence? A Statistical Exploration,”](#) by NYT’s Francesca Paris and Josh Katz

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INTERESTING CAREER CHANGE — JAMES MURRAY, the U.S. Secret Service director, is leaving his post to take a top security job at Snapchat, [WaPo's Nick Miroff reports](#).

IMMIGRATION FILES — The Biden administration is staring down another major immigration decision deadline to decide the fate of hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan exiles living in the U.S. “But with days to go for a decision, officials are still torn, juggling the benefits it could have on their political standing in Florida and the potential it brings to worsen the migrant buildup on the U.S. southern border,” [Sabrina Rodríguez reports](#).

— **In Texas:** Gov. **GREG ABBOTT** on Thursday “cleared state authorities to return migrants they apprehend to the border,” [the Texas Tribune's James Barragán and Patrick Svitek report](#), “setting up a potential clash with the federal government over the authority to enforce immigration law.”

THE PANDEMIC

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE READING — [“What the BA.5 Subvariant Could Mean for the United States,”](#) by NYT's Lauren Leatherby: “The most transmissible variant yet of the coronavirus is threatening a fresh wave of infections in the United States, even among those who have recovered from the virus fairly recently.”

BEYOND THE BELTWAY

FOR THOSE KEEPING TRACK — [“Derek Chauvin sentenced to just over 20 years for violating George Floyd's federal civil rights,”](#) by NBC's Daniella Silva

AMERICA AND THE WORLD

WHAT COMES AFTER BOJO — [Our colleague Nahal Toosi has the deets](#) on the U.S. response to **BORIS JOHNSON** stepping down as British PM: “The so-called special relationship that binds the United States and the United Kingdom has survived wars, Donald Trump and Brexit. It will survive the departure of Boris Johnson. It might even improve. And if his no-namecheck statement on the matter is any indication, President Joe Biden is ready to move on. ... Outwardly, U.S. officials are playing it cool even as the resignation has rattled the U.K. If the clamor surrounding Johnson's myriad scandals fades and a more solid prime minister emerges, that could work to Washington's benefit.”

THE G-20 SCENE SETTER — [AP's Matthew Lee has your pre-summit reading](#) for the G-20 confab that is set to kick off in Indonesia today: “Top diplomats from the world's richest and largest developing nations are confronting multiple crises as they open talks beset by sharp divisions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its impacts on food and energy security, along

with climate change, endemic poverty and the lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic.”

MEDIAWATCH

JUCY READ — N.Y. Mag’s Shawn McCreesh pens an intriguing dish from the billionaires’ “summer camp” in Idaho: [“Among the Media Billionaires in Sun Valley”](#)

TV TONIGHT — **PBS’ “Washington Week”**: Laura Barrón-López, Josh Dawsey, Michael Shear and Jeff Zeleny.

SUNDAY SO FAR ...

CBS “Face the Nation”: VP Kamala Harris ... Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) ... Alex Holder ... Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

ABC “This Week”: Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.). **Panel**: Chris Christie, Donna Brazile, Jane Coaston and Julie Pace.

FOX “Fox News Sunday”: Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.). **Panel**: Jason Chaffetz, Mara Liasson, Susan Page and Juan Williams.

CNN “Inside Politics”: **Panel**: Margaret Talev, Eva McKend, Jordan Fabian and Ryan Nobles.

NBC “Meet the Press”: **Panel**: Hallie Jackson, Daniella Gibbs Léger, Mark Leibovich and Rich Lowry.

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Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter quietly celebrated [their 76th wedding anniversary](#), “a milestone that is so rare that the U.S. Census Bureau doesn’t keep statistics on how many couples make it

that far.”

Joe Biden will [receive the Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor](#) when he visits Jerusalem next week.

Denzel Washington missed the Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremony [because he tested positive](#) for Covid-19

Joe Cirincione [quit the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft](#) over the war in Ukraine.

Ken Auletta has written a whole book about **Harvey Weinstein**, [but he still says](#) the worst person he ever met was **Roy Cohn**: “No one even close.”

Andrew Cuomo [was spotted hanging out](#) at **Billy Joel’s** pad in the Hamptons.

MEDIA MOVES — **David Shipley** is joining WaPo as editorial page editor. He previously was the top editor of Bloomberg’s opinion section. [More from WaPo’s Paul Farhi and Elahe Izadi](#) ... **Tim O’Brien** is taking over as editor of Bloomberg Opinion. ...

... **Erin Mulvaney** is now a [legal affairs reporter at WSJ](#). She previously was a senior reporter at Bloomberg Law. ... **Haris Alic** is joining Fox News as a Congress and national politics reporter. He previously was a congressional reporter for The Washington Times.

TRANSITIONS — **Will Kiley** is joining Herschel Walker’s Georgia Senate campaign as comms director. He previously was comms director for Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa). ... **Audrey Cook** is joining Sen. John Cornyn’s (R-Texas) office as deputy press secretary. She previously worked in regional comms at the RNC. ... **Nicole Young** is now managing director for global government and public affairs at Moody’s Corp. She most recently was VP for government operations, commercial aviation and transportation at Boeing.

... **Jonathan Elkin** is now VP for external affairs at Council for a Strong America. He most recently was VP for public policy at the Council for Opportunity in Education. ... **Bridgett Frey** is now head of comms at Uniswap Labs. She most recently was a senior director at Bully Pulpit Interactive, and is a Chris Van Hollen alum. ... **David Thompson** is now senior legislative assistant for Rep. Shontel Brown (D–Ohio). He most recently was a legislative assistant for Rep. Charlie Crist (D–Fla.).

WEEKEND WEDDING — **Jas Sajjan**, senior manager of government relations at Live Nation, and **Allison Brennan**, a registered nurse at Kaiser San Francisco, got married Saturday at Hummingbird Nest Ranch in Southern California, with both a Sikh ceremony and a Western ceremony. The couple met in 2005 before the first day of high school started but didn’t date until

they met again at a wedding in 2016, and did long distance when Allison was in Seattle and Jas was in D.C. [Pics](#) ... [Another pic](#)

BIRTHWEEK (was Thursday): **Michael Hudome**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: White House's **Stef Feldman** ... **Marianne Williamson** ... **Amanda Coyne** of Sen. Dan Sullivan's (R-Alaska) office ... **Neil Newhouse** of Public Opinion Strategies ... **Nick Simpson** of Klarna ... **Eve Samborn McCool** of Assemble ... **Dan Rosenthal** of Albright Stonebridge Group ... POLITICO's **Sean McMinn** ... E&E News' **Michael Hunley** ... **Steve Holland** of Reuters ... **Robert Henline** ... **Howard Gutman** of the Gutman Group ... **Kelley Hudak** ... **Geoff Garin** of Hart Research ... **Andrew Kauders** of Cogent Strategies ... **Andy Flick** ... Amazon's **Molly Spaeth** ... **Kirk McPike** ... **Anna Quindlen** ... **Ron Kampeas** ... **Erik Huey** of Platinum Advisors ... NYT's **Lara Jakes** ... **Noah Yantis** of the 1st Congressional District of Minnesota office ... former Sen. **Phil Gramm** (R-Texas) (8-0) ... **Tina Urbanski** ... CNN's **Bill Hinkle** ... **Jim Miklaszewski** ... **David Greengrass** of House Judiciary ... **Arlie Ziskend** ... **Marisa Connell**

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