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**BREAKING NEWS: JEREMY RENNER INJURED WHILE HELPING STRANDED MOTORIST**

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**Southwest pilot union blasts airline management over holiday meltdown**

By Joe Fisher

The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association did not hold back in its criticism of the airline's handling of the recent holiday season meltdown that saw more than 15,000 flights canceled due to a system failure.

In a press release, SWAPA took aim at executives for the progressive deterioration of the company over the course of more than a decade. It dismissed the public relations handling of the recent fiasco, saying "system meltdowns" and "router brownouts" have become increasingly more frequent in the last 15 years.

"How did we get here? How did we go from the most stable and profitable airline in history to the greatest meltdown in air-



line history?" Capt. Tom Nekouei, 2nd vice president, said.

"As with most organizations, the answer can be distilled down to one word: Leadership. Actually, in our

case, it's three words: lack of leadership."

While competitors were

able to rebound from the chaos brought on by a historic winter storm striking nearly the entire United States on one of its busiest weeks, Southwest Airlines floundered. It accounted for the largest share of cancellations and delays by a wide margin, leaving customers furious and employees lost in the shuffle.

Nekouei argued that Southwest's current management has abandoned the principles of its founder, Herb Kelleher, only using his name, legacy and principles when facing public backlash. Nekouei laid the systemic failures of the airline, which culminated in the holiday disaster, at the feet of Gary Kelly, Southwest

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**Idaho killings suspect Bryan Kohberger waives extradition**

By Sheri Walsh

Bryan Kohberger, the suspect in the deadly stabbings of four University of Idaho students, agreed to be extradited during a court hearing Tuesday in Pennsylvania. He is expected to be returned to Idaho this week to face four counts of first-degree murder.

Kohberger, 28, wore

handcuffs and a red jumpsuit as he was escorted by police into a Monroe County court Tuesday. During the hearing, Kohberger answered several questions, telling the judge he does not have mental health challenges. Kohberger also acknowledged that he knew what it meant to waive extradition, before signing the

waiver.

Kohberger, who was a PhD student in the criminal justice and criminology department at Washington State University, is accused in the stabbing deaths of Madison Mogen, 21, Kaylee Goncalves, 21, Xana Kernodle, 20, and her boyfriend, Ethan Chapin, 20, in an

off-campus home in Moscow, Idaho in November.

Kohberger was arrested Friday in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains after authorities tracked him down. Kohberger was in his home state of Pennsylvania for the holidays, his state-appointed extradition attorney Jason LaBar told CNN. He drove home



with his father and arrived in the state on Dec. 17.

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# OPINION

## Sin, Corruption and the Fall of America

## U.S. needs big ideas on oversight, national security, divided populace

By Harlan Ullman, Arnaud de Borchgrave  
Distinguished Columnist

No matter what each promises, both political parties are desperate to find new ideas that will actually make a difference.

With an even more divided and divisive 118th Congress and the 2024 elections looming, will any ideas matter, regardless of worth? Or will even good ideas be politically dead on arrival given the intense polarization of the country? But suppose good ideas were welcomed. Consider these:

Three ideas for repairing a failing government: With \$1.7 trillion set aside for infrastructure, jobs, semiconductor chips, science and inflation reduction, appoint appropriate oversight in the executive and legislature branches. The amount of waste, fraud and theft uncovered in the huge spending for COVID-19 relief was intolerable. But worse, this may be the last chance to modernize much of America's failing infrastructure for the 21st century. Effective oversight is vital.

Do not repeat the passage of the \$1.7 trillion Omnibus Bill by requiring every member of Congress to swear or affirm having read and understood all legislation before voting. It is outrageous in the extreme for members of Congress to find out what is in a bill only after it is approved.

Require all officials running for public office to declare that resumes are accurate and correct.

Three ideas for fixing national security: Draft a national security strategy that is executable, affordable and recruitable. Even at \$858 billion, the defense budget cannot meet the demands of internal uncontrolled real annual cost growth of 5-7% and inflation of 8-10%. And the manpower cohort will not sustain maintaining an all-volunteer active duty force of about 1.4 million.

Draft a viable strategy for ending the Ukraine war on favorable terms. What passes for strategy is keeping Ukraine in the fight but contained inside Ukraine in the expectation that at some stage, losses will force Russia to negotiate. But what if Ukraine cannot indefinitely bear the costs of war?

Reduce the mindless tariffs on China that are hurting Americans more than Chinese. Such an action may also lead to policies toward China that balance threat with reality and do not exaggerate the actual as opposed perceived dangers and challenges China may pose to its global neighbors.

Three ideas to reduce the super-polarized divisions that are tearing American politics apart: Do not regard the other as the enemy. Politics today are not only zero sum. Worse, Democrats and Republicans so despise the other that winning and not governing has become the top priority. The next ideas contribute to how to make this idea work.

Be skeptical and careful of what you read and accept as ground truth. In the age of smartphones, social media and the Internet, it is too easy to allow rumor, innuendo and accusation to become taken as truth and fact. Not what the other side is doing is all wrong.

Ask good questions. Democracies and republics die when publics no longer are engaged. Too often, people do not have the time to examine critical issues more deeply. Admitting that one does not know is far from a weakness. It is a great strength, provided one asks the right questions to become better informed, regardless of the issue.

What to do? About 70-75% of Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction. Ironically, perhaps the only time that figure was greater was in 1775 when the bulk of the colonists in America opposed the Revolution to leave Britain.

As the flames of judgment touched at the edges of Sodom and Gomorrah, two cities steeped in corruption and depravity, the almighty God looked upon them with disdain. Their wickedness had reached a point of no return, so he decided to unleash his fiery wrath upon them, reducing them to ash in an instant. These cities have long been used as a cautionary tale, a warning of the dangers of sin and the consequences that come with it. And now, as we reflect on the troubled times we find ourselves in, our nation, America, is teetering on the brink of a similar fate. Our sins and shortcomings threaten to tear us apart from within, bringing us closer and closer to our day of reckoning.

As our nation stands on the precipice of ruin, it becomes increasingly apparent that our excesses have brought about our downfall. We no longer face the struggles of disease, hunger, or poverty. Rather, we have become so comfortable and secure that we have turned inward, tearing one another apart over petty squabbles and trivial matters. In a world where we have everything we could want, we have lost sight of what truly matters, and as a result, we are tearing ourselves apart. It is a tragic irony that we have doomed ourselves to destruction in our quest for perfection.

It seems that in America, much of the strife and conflict we see today stems from a select few groups and individuals pushing

their agendas, often at the expense of others. Without the influence of these radicals, such as the transgender movement, radical feminists, corrupt politicians, and criminals, most Americans would be able to live peaceful, comfortable lives surrounded by the fruits of our nation's ingenuity and abundance. We have access to the latest technologies, a variety of cheap and sustainable sources of food and water, and a robust labor market that allows us to build, repair, and live healthy lives.

Of course, not every American is so blessed with comforts, but every American is blessed with opportunity. So, why, then, would the Biden administration secretly enlist a transgender individual with a history of theft to develop policies that could potentially brainwash children? Why would school officials, who make exorbitant salaries, push our children toward the brink of criminality? And why would Big Tech companies, who already have billions of dollars in profits and an immense amount of power, continue to steal our data and share it with the Chinese government or censor the views of innocent Americans? It's easy to state that this behav-

ior merely indicates a desire for power and wealth, but perhaps it goes deeper than that. Perhaps it's a desperate need to shape the world according to one's design, not as a result of a wanting for power but a result of necessity that formed from the lack of plights these wicked people endure.

The root of the problem is not necessarily that people on different sides of the ideological spectrum fundamentally disagree on issues. Most people in the United States, regardless of their political beliefs, care about the well-being and safety of their families and country. The issue is that we have become a society that only allows for black-and-white thinking, where individuals are judged based on one action or statement and labeled as extreme or bigoted. Consequently, no one can safely have a productive conversation or publicly state their views without being labeled as extreme by one group of people. This is why we are divided; we are quick to label someone based on a single action or statement without considering the context or the person's overall character. We have lost faith in judging others fairly and seeing the nuances and complexities of any situation.

Imagine there are two doors in front of you, one labeled "tolerance" and the other labeled "intolerance." You are asked to choose which door to go through based on which one you believe you embody. How

many people could honestly go through the door of "tolerance"? Nobody likely could honestly choose the door of tolerance, as everyone has some degree of prejudice. So, why is it that when we see an instance of intolerant behavior, we are so quick to judge a person when we are no better? If we can separate our views from the labels we place on others and have respectful conversations with those who disagree with us, we can work toward a more united and less divided society.

I implore you to gather with those you hold dear. May the love you share with your friends and family be rooted in mutual respect and appreciation rather than shared ideologies. These moments of togetherness will soon be few and far between. You may huddle by the fireplace, offer prayers, and cling to hope. Still, ultimately, America will meet its demise -- not by divine fire but by the unrest of its citizens, desperate to protect all that we hold dear in a misguided, unnecessary, and futile effort to save the nation.

If we hope to save our nation, we don't need a leader to protect us. We need people in power to stay quiet about what America truly needs. Jumping from one ideological leader to the next will not save us. What we need is for individuals to be able to live their lives freely without interference from those in power. Only then can America be born anew and thrive.



ARMSTRONG WILLIAMS

## Pelé put passion at the heart of soccer, embodied 'the beautiful game'

By Simon Chadwick  
SKEMA Business School

Pelé, soccer's first global superstar, has died at the age of 82. To many fans, the Brazilian will be remembered as the best to have ever played the game.

For others it goes further: He was the symbol of soccer played with passion, gusto and a smile. Indeed, he helped to forge an image of the game, which even today lots of people continue to crave.

Pelé wasn't just a great player and a wonderful ambassador for the world's favorite game; he was a cultural icon. Indeed, he remains the face of a purity in soccer that existed long before big money and global geopolitics infiltrated the game.

It is testament to his legend that everyone from English 1966 World Cup winner Sir Bobby Charlton and current French superstar Kylian Mbappé to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva -- the former and incoming president of Brazil -- and former U.S. President Barack Obama have led tributes to him.

### Early days at Santos

Pelé was born Edson Arantes do Nascimento in Sao Paulo state, Brazil in 1940. His early years were the same as many soccer players who preceded him and countless who then followed and were inspired

by him: born into poverty, introduced to the game by a family member, later becoming obsessed by a sport that taught him about life and gave him opportunities.

Youth team football came first, in 1953, when he signed for his local club, Bauru. But it was his first professional club, Santos, that propelled Pelé toward stardom. Having moved there in 1956, he played 636 matches and scored 618 goals before leaving in 1974. Not just the beating heart of the team, Pelé was also an immense, one-club loyalist.

Long before the feats of modern-day stars Cristiano Ronaldo or Erling Haaland, Pelé blazed a goal-scoring trail that marked him out as being significantly different to other players around him. Similarly, he displayed levels of skill, which even today mean that some observers of the game place the Brazilian ahead of the likes of other contenders for the title of Greatest of All Time: Lionel Messi and Diego Maradona.

Within a year of signing for Santos, Pelé made his debut for Brazil, three months short of his 17th birthday. He scored in that game against Argentina, and 65 years later he remains the Brazilian national team's youngest-ever scorer.

A year later, in 1958, this young player helped his national team win the World Cup in Sweden. Then again

in 1962, at the World Cup in Chile, and once more at the 1970 tournament in Mexico.

Ultimately, Pelé played 92 times for Brazil, scoring 77 goals. By comparison, England's Harry Kane has scored 53 times in 80 matches. In addition to his national team achievements, for his club Pelé won six Brazilian league titles and two South American championships.

### The American years

Later, in 1975, he came out of semi-retirement to play for the New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League. By then, Pelé was in his mid-30s but still managed to score 37 goals in 64 matches. Some believe that it was his brief stint playing in the United States that kick-started the country's interest in football.

After his retirement, Pelé was venerated, adored and remained influential. He became FIFA's Player of the 20th century, an award he shared with Maradona. In 2014, he was given FIFA's first-ever Ballon d'Or Prix d'Honneur, and even Nelson Mandela spoke of his regard for the Brazilian when presenting him with a Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award, in 2000.

Pelé's talent has never been in doubt. Yet it was fortuitous that he played at a time when soccer was emerging from the shadows cast by global conflict,

when the world needed symbols of hope and sporting heroes.

The Brazilian was able to serve this purpose, though he did so during a period when television -- first black-and-white, then color -- brought soccer directly into people's living rooms. At the time, Pelé was Messi, Ronaldo and Mbappé rolled into one -- made globally consumable by this new technology.

Inevitably, during his life, Pelé encountered problems: his commercial activities were sometimes mired in controversy; at one stage he was labeled a left-wing antagonist of the Brazilian government, then was later described as being too conservative in his views of the Brazilian dictatorship. He had numerous children -- some the result of affairs -- and one of them, a son, Edinho, was sent to prison for laundering money made from drug deals.

However, the abiding memory is of a man who played soccer in a way that many of us -- both amateurs and professionals -- have all aspired to. Pelé was not only skillful, he also brought great joy to innumerable people across the world, over a period of decades. For all of us, even those with just the slightest interest in football, we will never forget him. The Conversation

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A Hyundai Elantra was also removed Friday from Kohberger's house in Pennsylvania. Police in Moscow, Idaho had been looking for a white Elantra as a possible piece of evidence.

According to LaBar, Kohberger has invoked his right to be silent going forward. LaBar had said his client planned to waive extradition to expedite his return to Idaho.

Kohberger's family was in the courtroom Tuesday as the judge ordered him to be handed over to the custody of Latah County District Attorney's Office within 10 days.

In a statement released Sun-

day, Kohberger's family said "there are no words that can adequately express the sadness we feel," as they pledged to "let the legal process unfold and as a family we will love and support our son and brother."

While the Monroe County Correctional Facility warden called Kohberger a "model prisoner" since his arrest, Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Robert Evanchick expressed his sorrow for the victims as arrangements were made to transfer Kohberger to Idaho.

"My heart goes out to the families of the victims, their friends, the community of Moscow and the University of Idaho," Evanchick said at a news conference. "No words can heal the pain associated with the loss of a child. Their young lives were ended far too soon."

# Southwest

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chairman and former chief executive officer.

"This is not a Southwest Airlines problem. This is not an employees of Southwest Airlines problem. This is not an unprecedented weather problem. This is a Gary Kelly problem. First to step forward over the years to take credit and accept all his CEO of the Year awards, Gary Kelly is nowhere to be found to step forward and take responsibility for this crisis that has his DNA all over the scene of the crime."

On Tuesday, Southwest Airlines informed customers who were impacted by the mass misplacement of luggage that they would receive

25,000 frequent flyer bonus points, which is worth about \$300.

During New Year's weekend, the company said it completed more than 99% of its scheduled flights.

"In the new year, the urgent work continues on planned improvements to processes and systems that will bolster the ability of Southwest to recover effectively in large-scale disruptions of our operational plans," Southwest said in a press release.

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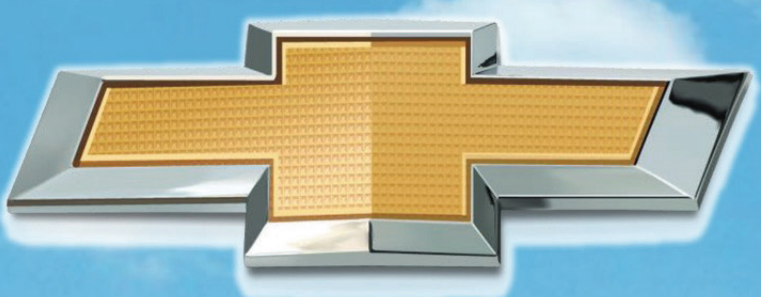
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# Frank James pleads guilty to Brooklyn subway shooting

By Darryl Coote

Frank James, the man accused of shooting 10 people in a Brooklyn subway station in April, pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal court to terrorism charges, prosecutors said.

James, 63, of Milwaukee, Wis., pleaded guilty Tuesday in a Brooklyn courtroom to 10 counts -- one for each of his shooting victims -- of committing a terrorist attack or other violence against a mass transportation vehicle and one count of discharging a firearm in furtherance of his attack.



terrible incident to a successful close."

on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, in New York City. Photo by John Angelillo/UPI

Though no one died, prosecutors accused him of attempting to kill dozens of New Yorkers during rush hour that day when shortly before 8:30 a.m. James, disguised as a metro employee in an orange reflective jacket and a yellow hard hat, set off a smoke grenade and opened fire inside a train at the 36th Street an Fourth Avenue station.

10 innocent passengers," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement Tuesday. "Today's guilty plea demonstrates that the Justice Department will work relentlessly to hold accountable those who engage in mass violence and terrorize our communities."

Following the shooting, law enforcement launched a manhunt for James, who was arrested the next day by patrol officers in Manhattan's East Village after being spotted by civilians.

"Today's guilty plea is a distinct admission of the terror Mr. James inflicted on New Yorkers last April in Brooklyn, and he is being held accountable for his reprehensible actions that morning," Commissioner Keechant Sewell of the New York City Police Department said in a statement after James entered his guilty plea.

Sentencing has yet to be scheduled, but James faces up to life in prison for each of the 11 counts.

In his guilty plea, James admitted to conducting a planned attack April 12, on an N subway train in Brooklyn that resulted in 10 people shot and a total of 29 injured.

Prosecutors said the smoke grenade was deployed to cause passengers to panic and seek refuge in one end of the subway car where James could easily shoot his victims.

Prosecutors said James had planned the attack as early as 2017 when he began to purchase smoke grenades, ammunition, weapons and his Metropolitan transportation Authority disguise.


"Our nation's largest transit system is the lifeblood of New York City. And its subway riders expect and deserve the brisk, coordinated and meticulous work exhibited by everyone involved in bringing this

A large presence of NYPD Police officers and FDNY firefighters surround a subway entrance near where at least 10 people were shot after a shooting in a subway station on 4th Avenue in the Sunset Park section of Brooklyn

Along with the 10 people shot, others suffered from smoke inhalation and other physical injuries.

"The defendant set off a smoke bomb in a New York City subway car and then fired a handgun more than 30 times, striking

After his arrest, officers found a stockpile of weapons, including an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, in his apartment and storage unit.




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# Two men charged in attacks on Washington state power stations

By Sheri Walsh



istered firearm is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, according to Brown.

Power substations alone is estimated to be at least \$3 million and could take up to three years to repair.

“You can’t really put a dollar amount on some of the damage on the individuals who had their power go out,” said Brown. “People were

waking up to frozen houses and feeling cold and not having electricity and heat in their homes at that time is very serious.”

Damage to the Tacoma

Two men have been charged with conspiracy to damage energy facilities in Washington state for allegedly attacking four Pierce County power substations that left thousands in the dark on Christmas.

Western Washington and throughout the country and must treat each incident seriously. The outages on Christmas left thousands in the dark and cold and put some who need power for medical devices at extreme risk.”

Matthew Greenwood, 32, and Jeremy Crahan, 40, were arrested Saturday by the FBI and are being held at the Federal Detention Center at SeaTac.

More than 14,000 customers lost power on Christmas Day, after the suspects allegedly cut through fencing and vandalized the substations.

According to the criminal complaint unsealed Tuesday, one of the substations, Tacoma Power, captured images of one suspect and a pick-up truck that appeared to be connected with the attack.

The four substations that were targeted were the Graham and Elk Plain substations, operated by Tacoma Power, and the Kapowsin and Hemlock stations, operated by Puget Sound Energy. Most of the power was restored the next day.

When law enforcement served a search warrant at the suspects’ home, they found clothing pictured in the surveillance photos, the Justice Department said. Agents also found two unregistered short-barreled firearms.

According to court documents, the attacks on the substations were an attempt to cover up a burglary at a local business.

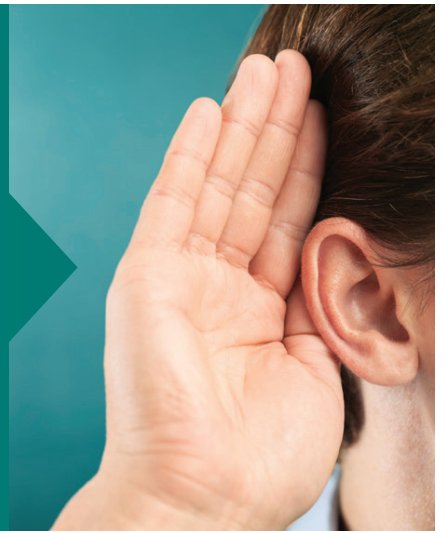
“I commend the work by the FBI to quickly identify these suspects and disrupt any future attacks on the east Pierce County power grid,” said U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington Nick Brown.

“It’s kind of concerning that people would shut out the power to thousands just to rob a store,” Pierce County Sheriff’s Department spokesman Sgt. Darren Moss Jr. told KIRO-TV.

“We have seen attacks such as these increase in

The two men could face up to 20 years in prison if they are convicted of damaging the substations. The unreg-

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# Jeremy Renner was helping stranded motorist at time of accident, Reno mayor says

By Karen Butler



Film and TV star Jeremy Renner was helping a stranded motorist when he was seriously injured by his own snow plow on New Year's Day, Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve said.

"He was helping someone stranded in the snow," Schieve told the Reno Ga-

zette Journal Monday night.

"He is always helping others," she said. "He's always calling and saying, 'Hey Mayor, what do you need?'"

Schieve added the 51-year-old Hawkeye and Mayor of Kingstown star doesn't usually publicize his

good deeds.

Renner was hospitalized in critical but stable condition in an intensive care unit Sunday morning after he suffered blunt chest trauma and orthopedic injuries in the incident near his home on Mt. Rose Highway, about 25 minutes from downtown

Reno.

His representative said hours later that he had undergone surgery.

Renner's Avengers co-star Mark Ruffalo showed his support for Renner on Instagram.

"Prayers up for our brother @jeremyrenner on a full and speedy recovery," Ruffalo said. "Please send healing goodness his way."

The actor is also known for his roles in Wind River, The Hurt Locker and American Hustle. He has a 9-year-old daughter.

# 'Avatar' tops North American box office for a 3rd weekend

By Karen Butler

Avatar: The Way of Water is the No. 1 movie in

North America, earning an additional \$63.4 million in

receipts, BoxOfficeMojo.com announced Sunday.

Coming in at No. 2 is Puss in Boots: The Last Wish with \$16.3 million, followed by Black Panther: Wakanda Forever at No. 3 with \$4.8 million, Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance

with Somebody at No. 4 with \$4.3 million and Babylon at No. 5 with \$2.7 million.

Rounding out the top tier are Violent Night at No. 6 with \$2.1 million, The

Whale at No. 7 with \$1.3 million, The Fabelmans at No. 8 with \$1.1 million, The Menu at No. 9 with \$1.07 million and Strange World at No. 10 with \$538,000.

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# 'Luther: The Fallen Sun' film coming to Netflix in March

By Annie Martin

Netflix is sharing more details about the upcoming Luther movie.

The streaming service shared an official title, Luther: The Fallen Sun, and a March release date for the film Wednesday.

Luther: The Fallen Sun is a sequel to the Luther television series, which had a five-season run on BBC One. Season 5 was released in January 2019.



The new film is written by Luther creator Neil Cross and directed by Season 5 director Jamie Payne. Idris

Elba reprises his role of John Luther, a brilliant Detective Chief Inspector who is willing to break rules and go down dark paths in the course of his work.

Dermot Crowley will also return as DSU Martin Schenk, with Cynthia Erivo and Andy Serkis to join the cast.

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## Kevin McCarthy loses sixth vote for House speaker

By Matt Bernardini  
UPI

Rep. Kevin McCarthy on Wednesday lost a sixth vote to lead Republicans as speaker of the House.

During the fourth, fifth and sixth ballots, McCarthy received 201 votes, while the Democratic nominee, Hakeem Jeffries of New York, received 212 votes from Democrats as he did in each vote Tuesday.

However, this time it was Florida Rep. Byron Donalds, instead of Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, who took votes away from McCarthy. Donalds received 20 votes on all the ballots on Wednesday.

The House stands adjourned until 8 p.m. EST, giving McCarthy a few hours to try to make a deal with his opponents.

Opposition to McCarthy has been growing with each ballot. A total of 20 Republican colleagues opposed McCarthy during the third vote Tuesday, which wrapped up shortly before 5 p.m. EST, an increase from 19 during the second vote.

He had collected 202 votes on the third ballot Tuesday, one more



than Wednesday's fourth ballot.

Rep.-elect Victoria Spartz, R-Ind., voted present in the fourth, fifth and sixth votes, voting for McCarthy in previous rounds.

Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., nominated McCarthy for the fourth vote Wednesday, saying he was the best choice to lead the party.

"I believe that in my bones, nobody has done more to lay out a plan for how we restore the basic functioning of this institution than Kevin McCarthy," he said.

Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Calif., nominated Jeffries in the fourth and fifth vote, while Rep. Chip

Roy, R-Texas, nominated Donalds.

"We do not seek to judge people by the color of their skin but rather the content of their character," Roy said. "There's an important reason for nominating Byron, and that is, this country needs a change."

Tuesday's vote marked the first time in 100 years a speaker has not been elected on the first ballot.

McCarthy expressed optimism Tuesday night that he would still emerge victorious, even though some Republicans have suggested that McCarthy could lose more votes.

"This isn't about me," McCarthy

told reporters. "This is about the conference now because the members who are holding out ... they want something for their personal selves."

McCarthy also said it doesn't matter if he loses more votes.

"It doesn't matter -- I have the most votes," he said.

Donalds had voted for McCarthy during the first two rounds, but voted against him during the third round. He suggested that McCarthy could lose more votes the longer voting goes on.

McCarthy said Tuesday there is no scenario in which where he pulls out of the race for speaker, noting that he could seek a path in which he does not need to secure 218 votes, but rather a smaller majority by persuading some of his detractors to vote "present."

"You're sitting on 202 votes, so you need technically just 11 more votes to win," he said. "Democrats have 212 votes. You get 213 votes, and the others don't say another name, that's how you can win."

Ahead of Tuesday's votes, McCarthy had announced several concessions in a proposed House rules package, including changes to how the speaker

could be removed, in an effort to gain the necessary votes. The concessions would allow any five Republican party members to call for the speaker's removal at any time, rather than a threshold of more than half of the House GOP conference that Republicans adopted in an internal rule in November.

Despite the concessions, several Republicans followed through on their plan to vote for Jordan.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia criticized fellow Republicans who opposed McCarthy, noting that even Jordan is supporting McCarthy.

"How did 19 Republicans not respect that?" Greene said. "I think 19, or 20 now, should respect Jim Jordan's wishes."

Former President Donald Trump said the Republicans should vote for McCarthy.

"It is a dangerous game, and, frankly, if they are not happy with him, they can do something about it at a later date," Trump told Fox News Digital in an interview. "I support [McCarthy] and I support getting the deal done. What I don't support is allowing this to continue onward."

## Biden says U.S. will again 'lead the world in manufacturing' in Kentucky visit

By Clyde Hughes  
UPI

President Joe Biden was joined by a bipartisan contingent, including Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell at the foot of a massive bridge between Kentucky and Ohio, to tout the joint effort being made to improve the fading structure and build a companion bridge.

Biden highlighted his administration chipping in \$1.6 billion to finally make upgrades to the bustling, but obsolete, Brent Spence Bridge, and build a second bridge to alleviate traffic.

He said projects such as the repair of the Brent Spence Bridge are also bolstering the manufacturing sector by using materials made in America. He remarked that the U.S. economy once boasted the top manufacturing sector in the world but has since fallen to ninth. Meanwhile, China once ranked eighth and now ranks second.

The president said there is "no reason" the United States cannot be the strongest manufacturer in the world again.

"Where is it written that the United States can not and will not lead the world in manufacturing once again?" he asked. "We're going to do it."

Biden said he was also

happy to be at the bridge with McConnell, R-Ky., who he called a "friend."

"I asked permission if I could say something nice about him," Biden remarked.

"It wouldn't have happened without your hand. We have to find common ground to get major legislation done. We don't agree on a lot of things. Here's what matters, he's a man of his word."

Biden and McConnell were joined by Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, Kentucky Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear and Ohio Republican Gov. Mike DeWine.

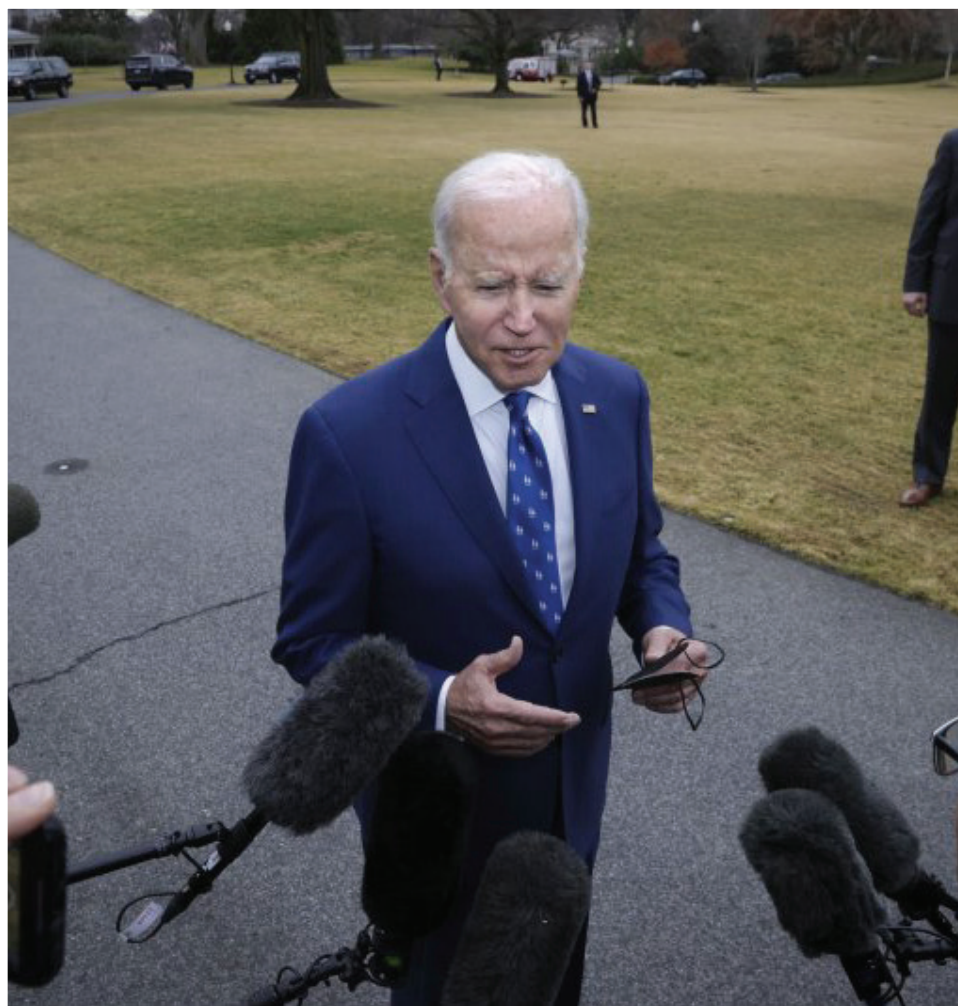
"It's great to be here with two individuals who are among those that worked the hardest and the longest to get this done: Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman," Biden said.

"Both are men of significant integrity and do what they say. They've been fighting this for years to get the funding to repair the bridge. They never gave up. They got it done."

Politicians have talked about upgrading the bridge which carries I-75 and I-71 traffic across the busy Ohio River to and from Cincinnati and Covington for more than two decades.

"Talking is over," Biden said. "With the bipartisan infrastructure law we're finally going to get it done."

The bridge opened in



1963 and was designed to handle 80,000 vehicles per day but currently is carrying more than double that total. The new bridge will be built to the immediate west of the current structure to handle the interstate traffic while the old bridge will be rehabbed to handle local traffic.

"This project will not only ease the traffic nightmare that drivers have suffered through for years, but it will also help ensure that the movement of the

supply chain doesn't stall on this nationally significant corridor," DeWine said in a statement.

"My administration vowed to press the federal government to fund this project, and we're glad that they have recognized its significance. I'm grateful to the teams in both states who have worked so hard to make this project a reality."

Biden reiterated the importance of finding common ground and working

across the political aisle. He touted the cooperation between Republicans and Democrats to pass the bipartisan infrastructure law as evidence that the parties can work together.

"I believe it sends an important message to the entire country," he said.

"We can work together. We can get things done. We can move the nation forward if we just drop a little bit of our egos and focus on what is needed in the country."

Biden added that high-paying manufacturing jobs are being introduced throughout the country, many of which do not require degrees. He mentioned Intel bringing thousands of jobs to the Columbus, Ohio, area, which he called the "Field of Dreams." Likewise, Micron Technology will open a semiconductor manufacturing operation in Syracuse, N.Y.

As of October, the Joint Economic Committee reports the United States added about 696,000 manufacturing jobs under Biden's presidency.

The Biden administration recently imposed restrictions on organizations developing technology to advance the Chinese military, particularly providing semiconductors.

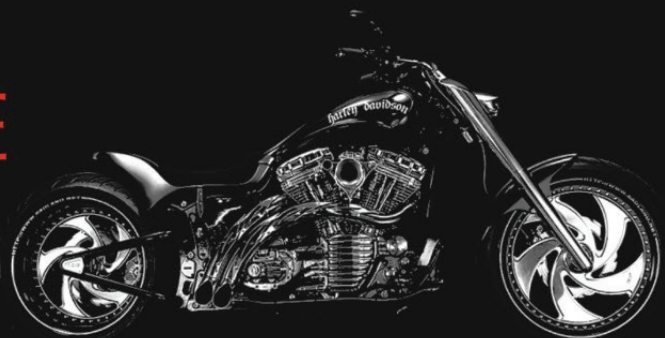
"It's never been a good bet to bet against America," Biden said. "I've never been more optimistic about America's future. We just have to remember who in the hell we are."

When asked about McConnell's appearance at his visit, Biden suggested that it was natural for McConnell to be there representing Kentucky.

"We've been friends a long time," Biden said. "Everybody is talking about how significant it is. It has nothing to do about our relationship. It's a giant bridge, man. It's a lot of money. It's important."

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# Dolphins 'lean on' doctors as NFL, union review Tua Tagovailoa's second concussion

By Alex Butler

The Miami Dolphins will lean on medical advice and evaluate quarterback Tua Tagovailoa daily after his second concussion of 2022, coach Mike McDaniel said Wednesday. The NFL and players union also will review the situation.

Tagovailoa landed in the concussion protocol Monday, one day after the Dolphins' loss to the Green Bay Packers. McDaniel confirmed Wednesday that the third-year quarterback sustained a concussion.

"I've been advised by medical professionals that it is critical Tua worries only about the day that he's currently in and nothing else," McDaniel told reporters in Miami Gardens, Fla.

The first-year coach was noncommittal when asked if he would consider shutting down the Tagovailoa for the final two games of the season after a rash of head injuries over the past three months.

The NFL and National Football League Players Association said Wednesday afternoon that they launched a review into the Dolphins following the concussion protocol in relation to Tagovailoa -- for the second time this season.

"A joint NFL-NFLPA review of the application of the concussion protocol involving Miami Dolphins' quarterback Tua Tagovailoa is now underway," the league and players union said Wednesday in a joint statement.

"We welcome that review, and as we have done previously, we will report the results in conjunction with the NFLPA."

McDaniel said the Dolphins are taking a "day-to-day" approach in evaluations of Tagovailoa, but second-string quarterback Teddy Bridgewater will prepare as the starter for Week

17. "In moments like this, you lean on medical professionals," McDaniel said. "I stopped thinking about anything but each day when it was clear and obvious that is what's best for him. ... I'm just worried about his health on a day-to-day basis."

McDaniel said he noticed uncharacteristic things about Tagovailoa's play while reviewing footage from the Packers game Monday morning, which led the Dolphins coach to question the quarterback with a "high degree of concern." He then told Tagovailoa to consult medical professionals.

Tagovailoa hit the back of his head on the field after taking a hit in the second quarter Sunday, but did not leave the game. McDaniel said that he was not sure if

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## Luther

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Elba said in an interview with Entertainment Weekly that Luther: The Fallen Sun opens in the wake of Luther's arrest in Season 5.

"He's done so much to bend the law in order to catch the bad guys that he's ended up in jail," the actor said. "So that's where we start the story. He's contemplating what he's going to do with his life."

"Luther is just so haunted

-- that's his whole thing," he added. "Even when he's a free man, he can't help but chase it, chase the ghosts that get into his head. And I think that's what drives him in this film. He's just very haunted by things he's done, things he could have done, people that have died."

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through several other scenarios, but need to win at least one of their final two games.

Tagovailoa completed 64.8% of his throws for 3,548 yards, 25 touchdowns and eight inter-

ceptions in 13 starts this season. He leads the NFL with a 105.5 quarterback rating, 8.9 yards per attempt and 13.7 yards per completion.

Bridgewater completed 61.7% of his throws for 522

yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions in four appearances this season, including one start.

The Dolphins and New England Patriots will meet at 1 p.m. EST Sunday at Gillette Stadium.

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 that hit resulted in the concussion or if the head injury occurred at another time.

Tagovailoa also hit his head in the second quarter of a Sept. 25 game against the Buffalo Bills. He stood up, wobbled and fell to the ground after that collision and briefly left the game, but returned for the second half.

Just four days later, Tagovailoa sustained his first reported concussion of the season in the second quarter of a game against the Cincinnati Bengals. The

quarterback took a sack on that play before his head whipped back and hit the ground. He then held his fingers in front of his face, as they appeared to lock up.

He was taken off the field by stretcher and to a local hospital. Tagovailoa missed two games and was limited or out for several weeks of practice after that.

That concussion prompted an initial league and players union probe into the protocol, which led to changes to the NFL's evaluation system and return-to-play guidelines for players who display concussion symptoms.

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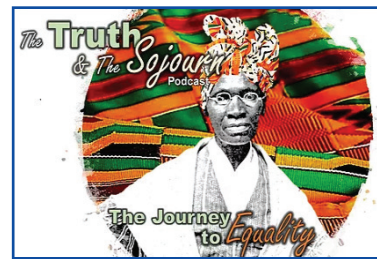
ficer Dr. Allen Sills told NFL.com on Tuesday that Tagovailoa did not exhibit injury behaviors or report symptoms "that would have triggered the protocol" on Sunday in Miami Gardens.

Tagovailoa, who previously called his last concussion-related hiatus "stressful," returned to lead the Dolphins to a five-game winning streak. He threw three touchdown passes in three-consecutive games from Week 8 through Week 10.

The Dolphins now are on a four-game losing streak, but can clinch a playoff berth with wins in their final two games. They also could clinch a berth

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## Panthers speak to Michigan's Jim Harbaugh about head coach job

By Alex Butler

Carolina Panthers owner David Tepper and Michigan's Jim Harbaugh recently conversed about the NFL franchise's head coaching vacancy, despite Harbaugh's current contract with the Wolverines, which runs through 2026.

Sources told ESPN, Fox Sports Charlotte and The Athletic about the development Tuesday night. Harbaugh also interviewed last off-season with the Minnesota Vikings, but was not offered that job.

Harbaugh also told Fox Sports Charlotte that "no one knows the future," but he "thinks" he will be coaching at Michigan in 2023-24.

The Panthers fired coach Matt Rhule in October after a 1-4 start this season. Rhule led the NFC South franchise to a 11-27 record over the past three seasons.

Steve Wilks, who served as Panthers secondary coach and defensive pass game coordinator earlier



this season, is the current interim head coach. Wilks owns a 5-6 record in that role in 2022. He led the Arizona Cardinals to a 3-13 record in 2018, his only other season as an NFL head coach.

Harbaugh, who played quarterback in the NFL for 14 years, started his collegiate coaching career in 1994 as an assistant at Western Kentucky. He held that role through

2021 and became quarterbacks coach for the Oakland Raiders in 2002. Harbaugh left that role in 2004 to serve as the head coach at San Diego. He left that school in 2007 to take over as coach at

Stanford.

Harbaugh left Stanford after the 2010 season to become coach of the San Francisco 49ers. He led the team to a 44-19-1 record over four seasons. He also led the 49ers to the playoffs three times, including a 2013 Super Bowl appearance.

Harbaugh returned to the college sidelines in 2015 to coach at Michigan, his alma mater. He led the Wolverines to a 74-25 record over his first eight seasons. The Wolverines went 13-1 this season and made the College Football Playoff in each of the last two seasons, but did not advance to the finale.

Michigan signed Harbaugh to a new 5-year contract last February. That pact includes a \$3 million buyout.

The Panthers (6-10) will face the New Orleans Saints (7-9) in their season finale at 1 p.m. EST Sunday in New Orleans.

## College football: NFL legend Ed Reed hired to coach Bethune-Cookman

By Alex Butler



Pro Football Hall of Fame safety Ed Reed will be the next head coach at Bethune-Cookman University, the Daytona Beach, Fla., school announced.

"Bethune-Cookman University athletics has entered an agreement in principle with Pro Football Hall of Famer Ed Reed to be its 16th head football coach," the school announced Tuesday.

Bethune-Cookman athletic director Reggie Theus announced in November that former coach Terry Sims was fired after seven seasons. Theus, a former NBA All-Star, also serves as the Wildcats' men's basketball coach.

The Wildcats football team went 2-9 in each of the last two seasons. They went 7-4 in 2019 and posted winning records in four of Sims' first five seasons as coach. Fellow former Wildcats coach Brian Jenkins went 46-14 in five seasons with the program from 2010 through 2014.

Reed, 44, worked under

coach Mario Cristobal as a support staff member over the last three seasons with the Miami Hurricanes. He also worked as an assistant defensive backs coach in 2016 with the Buffalo Bills.

"We are excited to hear that Ed has been named the head football coach at Bethune-Cookman," Miami athletic director Dan Radakovich said in a news release. "Ed is one of the best to ever wear a Miami Hurricanes uniform and he has served as a great mentor to our student-athletes the past three years."

"He will do a tremendous job leading the Wildcats program and the entire Miami family wishes him all the best."

Reed spent 12 seasons in the NFL. The nine-time Pro Bowl selection, five-time All-Pro and former Defensive Player of the Year was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2019.

The Wildcats are set to face Memphis in their season-opener Sept. 2 in Memphis.

## Bills' Damar Hamlin seems to be improving, family says

By Alex Butler



Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin, who was resuscitated after sustaining a mid-game cardiac arrest, remains in critical condition, but seems to be improving at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, a family member said.

Hamlin's uncle, Dorian Glenn, spoke to media outlets Tuesday outside the hospital, which is about 3 1/2 miles north of Paycor Stadium.

Hamlin's heart stopped after a collision with Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins in the first quarter of a game Monday night. He was then taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Glenn told reporters Tuesday that Hamlin needed 100% oxygen from a ventilator when he first arrived at the hospital, but improved to a 50% requirement Tuesday night. Hamlin remains in the intensive care unit.

"He is improving from where he

was [Monday]," Glenn told ESPN. "We are just going to continue to pray, and I know he is in great hands with the medical team he has here. They have been doing a tremendous job."

"Right now, they've got him on a ventilator, so they are just trying to get him to breath on his own," Glenn told NFL Network. "He is still in the ICU. They have him sedated. They continue to administer the medical treatment they've been doing."

"I'm thankful he is still here, he is still alive and still fighting. We are just taking it day by day. ... Once he gets out of the ICU, I will feel better myself."

The Bills issued their most recent statement about Hamlin early Tuesday, hours after their game against the Bengals was postponed. The NFL said Tuesday afternoon that the game will not resume this week, and the league did not announce a

makeup date.

Hamlin's family also released a statement early Tuesday, thanking first responders and doctors in Cincinnati for their work. They also thanked fans and players for their widespread support of the Bills safety.

Hamlin entered the league as a sixth-round pick in the 2021 NFL Draft. The McKees Rocks, Pa., native went to Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh before he joined the Bills.

The Bills are scheduled to host the New England Patriots at 1 p.m. EST Sunday in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Editor's note: An earlier version of this story incorrectly reported details about Hamlin's resuscitation. Hamlin's marketing agent, Jordan Rooney, clarified Wednesday that Hamlin was resuscitated once.

# New image reveals details of 'Serpens' constellation

By Clyde Hughes

The European Southern Observatory said Wednesday that its Chile-based telescope has given the clearest picture yet of the "Serpens" constellation.

The constellation, named by ancient Greek sky watchers because the pattern resembled a snake, has numerous other astronomical objects unseen by the naked eye, ESO researchers said. Formally called the Sh2-54 nebulae, the constellation was cataloged along with 300 others by U.S. astronomer Stewart Sharpless in the 1950s.

The new details were captured by the Visible and Infrared Survey

Telescope for Astronomy, or VIS-TA, based at the Paranal Observatory in Chile.

"Nebulae are vast clouds of gas and dust from which stars are born," the ESO said in a statement. "Telescopes have allowed astronomers to identify and analyze these rather faint objects in exquisite detail."

"Just as the snake, the namesake of this nebula, evolved the ability to sense infrared light to better understand its environment, so too have we developed infrared instruments to learn more about the universe."

Researchers said the use of infrared light has allowed them to look past the thick layers of dust almost unimpeded. The new images reveal stars long hidden from mankind by veils of dust.

"This is particularly useful as it allows scientists to study what happens in stellar nurseries in much greater detail, and thus learn more about how stars form," ESO said. "This is a multiyear project that has repeatedly observed a large portion of the Milky Way at infrared wavelengths, providing key data to understand stellar evolution."



# Walter Cunningham, last surviving Apollo 7 astronaut, dies at 90

By Darryl Coote

Walter Cunningham, the last surviving astronaut from NASA's famed Apollo 7 mission, died early Tuesday in Houston at age 90, officials said.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson confirmed Cunningham's death in a statement. He described the late astronaut as having paved the way for future U.S. space travel as one of three members on Apollo 7, the first successful crewed space flight of NASA's Apollo program.

"Walter Cunningham was a fighter pilot, physicist and an entrepreneur -- but above all, he was an explorer," Nelson said. "NASA will always remember his contributions to our nation's space program



and sends our condolences to the Cunningham family."

Cunningham, along with Donn Eisele and Walter "Wally" Schirra, was aboard the 11-day Apollo

7 mission that launched on Oct. 11, 1968.

During the first crewed space mission of the program, the three men tested necessary maneuvers for docking and lunar orbit

rendezvous. The mission, for which Cunningham served as lunar module pilot, also provided the first live television transmission of onboard crew activities, NASA said.

Cunningham was the last surviving member of the crew after Eisele died in 1987 at the age of 57 and Schirra in 2007 at the age of 84.

Walter Cunningham (L) is shown here with Apollo 7 crew members Donn Eisele (C) and Wally Schirra (R) in 1967. File Photo courtesy of NASA

"On behalf of NASA's Johnson Space Center, we are beholden to Walt's service to our nation and dedication to the advancement of human space exploration," Vanessa Wyche, center director, said in a statement. "Walt's accomplished legacy will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all."

Born March 16, 1932, in Creston, Iowa, Cunningham joined the Navy in 1951. He flew 54 missions as a night fighter pilot in Korea before joining the Rand Corp. as a scientist working on classified defense studies.

In 1963, Cunningham was selected as an astronaut by NASA. He would retire from the space agency in 1971.

His family through NASA released a statement expressing their "immense pride" in the life that Cunningham lived and "deep gratitude for the man that he was."

"The world has lost another true hero, and we will miss him dearly," the statement reads.

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## Damar Hamlin: Fans, players boost charity of critically injured Buffalo Bills safety

By Alex Butler

NFL fans and players surged donations to Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin's charity, as teammates and members of the Cincinnati Bengals kept vigil at the hospital in which Hamlin was in critical condition early Tuesday.

The 24-year-old was hit in the chest during a first-quarter tackle attempt against the Bengals during the Monday Night Football game in Cincinnati. He got back to his feet, but then collapsed to the ground.

The Bills said Tuesday morning that Hamlin's heart had stopped, but was restored by first-responders while he was on the field at Paycor Stadium.

He remained sedated at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, where dozens of fans traveled to show their support for Hamlin, who was in his second season in the NFL.

Jordan Rooney, Hamlin's marketing agent, said Monday night that the Bills safety slept with a breathing tube and his vital signs were "back to normal." Hamlin's family said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that they are "deeply moved by the prayers, kind words, and donations from fans around the country."

The family also thanked first responders and doctors caring for Hamlin. The Bills, who also thanked Hamlin's supporters, said Tuesday afternoon that Hamlin spent the night in intensive care and remained in critical condition.

Praying hard.. please be okay man. — Patrick Mahomes II (@PatrickMahomes) January 3, 2023

The Chasing M's Foundation Community Toy Drive, a fundraiser organized by Hamlin, started with a goal of \$2,500, but continues to receive a surge of donations and had raised more than \$4.5 million by Tuesday.



Some of the donations came from fellow athletes, including San Francisco 49ers running back Christian McCaffrey.

Bills and Bengals players and coaches were among the visitors late Monday and early Tuesday at UC Medical Center.

The NFL announced early Tuesday that the Bills-Bengals game will not be resumed this week. The Bills' team plane left Cincinnati on Monday night.

The support, prayers, and love continue to shine

Starting with Paycor Stadium the ENTIRE city of Cincinnati is lit up blue and red, a tribute to @HamlinIsland and the @BuffaloBills. @wltw pic.twitter.com/pSUDdoWs5n— Danielle Dindak (@danielledindak) January 3, 2023

Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart unexpectedly stops pumping, typical as a result of an electrical disturbance. The American Heart Association says that more than 356,000 cases per year are diagnosed -- outside a hospital -- in the United States. They often are fatal if appropriate steps aren't taken for immediate care.

Medical personnel attended Hamlin for more

than 10 minutes, administering CPR and oxygen.

Former Detroit Lions wide receiver Chuck Hughes is the only known player to die on the field during an NFL game. Hughes sustained a heart attack, brought on by an undiagnosed heart disease, and died Oct. 24, 1971, at Tiger Stadium in Detroit. He was 28.

Praying for you kid!!! https://t.co/cC3ZsnpsjR— LeBron James (@KingJames) January 3, 2023

Hamlin entered the league as a sixth-round pick in the 2021 NFL Draft. The McKees Rocks, Pa., native went to Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh before he joined the Bills.

Hamlin spoke to GoLongTD.com in 2021 about the odds he overcame to get to the NFL. At 12, he watched his dad get sentenced to prison for intent to sell drugs. He also said he had several friends die due to various acts of violence while growing up in McKees Rocks, which has one of the highest crime rates in the United States.

He faced more adversity at Pittsburgh, with various injuries keeping him off

the field early on and impacting his mental health. Hamlin said he chose to attend Pittsburgh instead of accepting an offer from a more storied program so he could serve as an easy visual role model for his younger brother.

"I wanted to give him that image growing up that he can look back on and be able to model himself after. That's something I never had. I had a bunch of examples of what not to do. I want to give him a different example," Hamlin said.

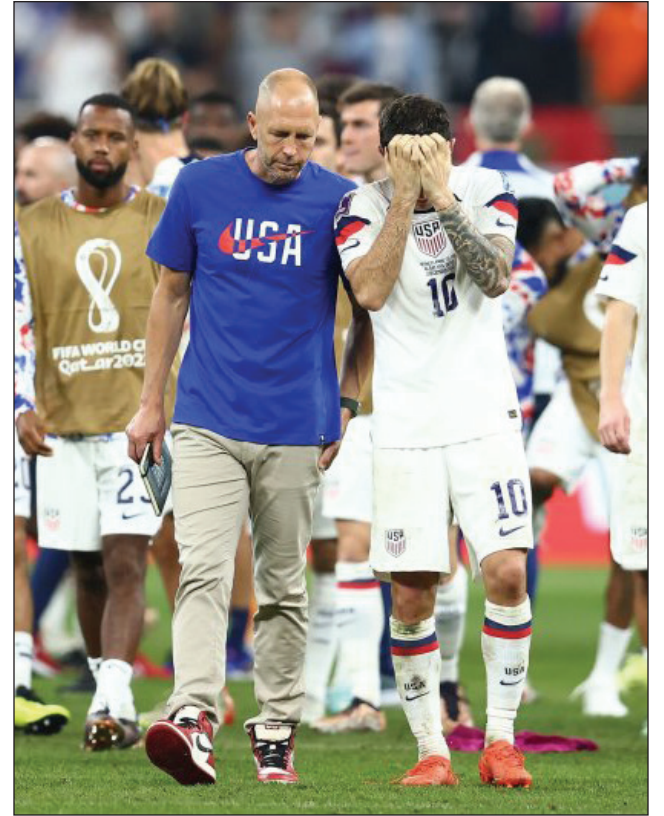
The young defender also showed his commitment to community last year when he joined several other NFL players from Pittsburgh in hosting PGH2ThePros youth football camp. More than 300 boys attended that camp, free of charge, and received food, T-shirts and instruction from the NFL players.

"Damar Hamlin is the best of us," Pitt Football tweeted Monday night. "We love you, 3. Praying for you."

The Bills, who trailed 7-3 before the game stopped and then postponed, were scheduled to host the New England Patriots in their final regular-season game at 1 p.m. EST Sunday in Orchard Park, N.Y.

## U.S. soccer investigating coach Gregg Berhalter for 1991 kicking of future wife

By Alex Butler



The United States Soccer Federation announced it is investigating men's national team manager Gregg Berhalter for a 1991 incident in which he kicked the woman who would later become his wife.

The federation said Tuesday it learned of the allegation against Berhalter on Dec. 11 and hired Alston & Bird LLP to conduct an independent investigation. Officials said that ongoing investigation also revealed "potential inappropriate behavior toward multiple members of [the U.S. soccer] staff by individuals outside the organization."

Berhalter said in a statement Tuesday that someone contacted the federation during the 2022 World Cup saying they had "information about" the national team manager that would "take him down." He then went on to admit to kicking Rosalind Berhalter three decades ago while the couple were dating.

He said he was an 18-year-old freshman at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill at the time.

"In the fall of 1991, I met my soulmate," Berhalter said in the statement, which also was attributed to his wife. "We had been dating for four months when an incident happened between us that would shape the future of our relationship. One night, when out drinking at a local bar, Rosalind and I had a heated argument that continued outside. It became physical and I kicked her in the legs."

"There are zero excuses for my actions that night; it was a shameful moment and one that I regret to this day."

pic.twitter.com/421kvOoQBj— Gregg Berhalter (@GreggBerhalter\_) January 3, 2023

Berhalter said he apologized to her and that authorities were not involved. He also said he sought out counseling and "that type of behavior has never been repeated."

The Berhalters, who have four children, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last weekend. Berhalter said he and his wife have "fully cooperated" with the investigation.

"I am sharing this story after 31 years because it's important to understand it was an event that shaped me, but doesn't define me," Berhalter said.

"It was a single, isolated event over three decades ago and a terrible decision made in a bad moment by an 18-year-old."

Berhalter, 49, played at North Carolina from 1991 to 1994. He also spent 1993-2011 as a professional soccer player, with stints at clubs around the world. Berhalter's playing career included 44 appearances for the U.S. men's national team.

He served as an assistant at the Los Angeles Galaxy before he took his first job as manager in 2011 for Sweden's Hammarby. Berhalter also managed the Columbus Crew from 2013 to 2018, before he took over the national team.

Statement from U.S. Soccer: pic.twitter.com/h2x5rgZvWA— U.S. Soccer (@ussoccer) January 3, 2023

Berhalter's contract with the national team expired Saturday. The federation said it will announce who will lead the January men's national team camp in the coming days.

Last month, the federation said it launched a "full technical review" of the men's national team program.

"We appreciate Gregg and Rosalind coming forward to speak openly about this incident," the federation said. "Consistent with our commitment to transparency, we will share the results of the investigation publicly when it is complete. [The federation] condemns violence of any kind and takes such allegations very seriously."

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