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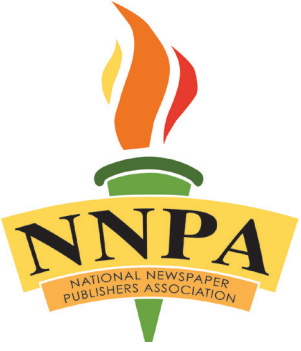
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Federal judge limits activities of Arizona poll-watching group

By Clyde Hughes
UPI

Arizona federal Judge Michael Liburdi signed an emergency order limiting the activities of a conservative poll-watching group that opponents said was intimidating voters.

The Tuesday order prevents members of the group Clean Elections USA from “openly” carrying weapons or “visibly” wearing body armor within 250 feet of Arizona drop boxes. It also bars them from taking photos, recording, following or shouting at voters within 75 feet of election drop boxes.

Clean Elections USA and those working for it had been surveilling drop boxes in the Phoenix area, claiming they were well within their First Amendment rights.

Liburdi’s move against Clean Elections appeared to cut against a decision he made last week in which he declined to stop such activities.

Liburdi, an appointee of former President Donald Trump, said testimony against Clean Elections on Tuesday went well beyond what he heard in the earlier hearing. Also, the lawsuit filed by Protect Democracy for the League of Women Voters sought a slimmed-down injunction against Clean Elections.

Clean Elections USA attorney Alexander Kolodin said in court that he would most likely appeal the latest ruling. He said Clean Elections USA had voluntarily agreed to the restrictions on weapons and verbally confronting or following voters.



Nikara Paniagua drops her absentee ballot in a drop box on Election Day at Shorty Howell Park in Lawrenceville, Ga., on November 3, 2020. In Arizona, a judge has limited the activities of the group watching such drop box polling places. **File Photo by Tami Chappell/UPI**

Kolodin continued to argue, though, that restricting the group from photographing, online posting and discussing Arizona voting laws infringed on its free speech.

Liburdi ordered the group to not disseminate “false statements” about Arizona’s statutes regarding early voting in interviews or on social media. Clean Election USA and its founder Melody Jennings have incorrectly explained Arizona laws regarding drop-box voting in

the past.

“It is imperative we balance the defendants’ right to engage in First Amendment-protected activity with the plaintiffs’ right to act without intimidation or harassment,” Liburdi said at the hearing.

“This does not prohibit Miss Jennings from correctly stating what the law is. I just have a problem with her stating it incorrectly in a way that is intimidating or coercive to voting behavior.”

ADP report: Economy added 239,000 jobs

By Clyde Hughes
UPI

Led by strong growth in the service-providing sector and medium-sized businesses, the economy added 239,000 jobs to its payrolls in October, according to the latest report national employment report on Wednesday morning.

The ADP report, done in collaboration with the Stanford Digital Economy Lab, comes two days ahead of official figures posted by the Labor Department on Friday. The new job numbers are 7.7% higher than this time last year.

Medium-size businesses, companies made up of 50 to 249 employees, added 241,000 jobs in October, enough to offset the 37,000-job downturn in small businesses of 20-49 employees and 23,000 lost jobs in the larger business category with 250 to 499 workers.

Small businesses, those with less than 20 employees, added 62,000 to their payrolls while businesses with 4,000 fewer people last month.

“This is a really strong number given the maturity of the economic recovery but the hiring was not broad-based,” said Nela Richardson, chief economist for ADP, in a statement.

The service-providing sector added 247,000 jobs to the economy, led by the leisure and hospitality industry, which contributed 210,000 positions to that total. Good-producing jobs, though, lost 8,000 of their payrolls, led by manufacturing, which saw a reduction of 20,000 while seeing gains in natural resources and construction jobs.

“Goods producers, which are sensitive to interest rates, are pulling back, and job changers are commanding smaller pay gains,” Richardson said. “While we’re seeing early signs of Fed-driven demand destruction, it’s affecting only certain sectors of the labor market.”

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American voters are angry -- good for turnout, bad for democracy

By Steven Webster
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Regardless of whether they live in a red state or a blue state, identify as Democrats or Republicans, or claim to be ideologically liberal or conservative, Americans have one thing in common.

They are angry -- especially about this year's midterm elections.

Americans' anger is driven by contemporary political events.

Republicans are enraged by troubling economic indicators and perceived spikes in crime. Democrats, meanwhile, are angry about the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned abortion rights enshrined by *Roe vs. Wade*.

Politicians on the left and the right are eager to capitalize on this anger. In fact, Democratic and Republican politicians alike deliberately and repeatedly seek to elicit voters' anger. And, predictably, this anger leaves voters in a sour mood.

Recent polls reflect this reality.

Whipped into an emotional frenzy, Americans are likely to believe that things in the country have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track. So, too, do Americans believe that their preferred political party loses more often than not in legislative disputes.

Why, then, do politicians provoke anger if this emotional state leads to such pessimism? As a scholar who studies American politics and the author of *American Rage: How Anger Shapes Our Politics*, I believe the reason for this is quite simple: Anger provides ample benefits to those politicians who are able to use it most skillfully.

Angry voters, loyal voters

To begin, anger encourages Americans to vote.

Across a range of political settings, angry people are more likely to participate than those who are not angry. With elections increasingly being determined by which side can best motivate its base into showing up to vote, anger has become a powerful tool in a politician's arsenal.

In addition to its propensity to boost participation, anger has been shown to play a role in shaping individuals' decisions at the ballot box.

The angrier voters are at the opposing political party, the more likely they are to vote for their own party. Guided by the mantra that an angry voter is a loyal voter, politicians have a strong incentive to agitate the American public -- incumbents and challengers alike.

Anger and negativity, rather than adoration and optimism, drive contemporary American political behavior. Anger and consequences

Though politicians' strategy of appealing to the public's anger brings them electoral benefits, this anger is not without costs. In fact, anger can cause Americans to lose trust in the government and alter their views about the opposing political party's legitimacy.

Alarming, political anger has consequences that extend beyond how Americans view their governing institutions or the opposing political party.

When American voters are angry about politics, they are inclined to avoid social interactions or social events where they are likely to come into contact with those whose political leanings differ from their own.

I have found that anger leads Americans to avoid assisting neighbors with various chores, such as watering houseplants or watching over property when the neighbor is out of town, if the neighbor supports the opposing political party.

Political anger also can lead Americans to refuse requests to go on a date with those whose political leanings are opposed to their own.

Something Big Is Happening in New York -- and Democrats Should Be Scared

New York is often considered a beacon of democratic principles, a home for those who believe that equity and social justice trump all. New York City, for example, is home to some of the most radical members of the Democratic Party who pass legislation based on race and equity, rather than fundamental fairness. Nevertheless, contrary to what we may think New York to be, recent trends in the campaign for governor suggest that New York may be on its way down a different route.

Lee Zeldin, a Republican congressman from Long Island, and Kathy Hochul, the former lieutenant governor who became governor after the resignation of Andrew Cuomo, are competing in a gubernatorial race of which the outcome has become unpredictable.

A few months ago, Hochul had a 24-point lead in the polls. However, Quinnipiac, one of the most recognized pollsters in the nation, recently released a poll with shocking results: Hochul has just a 4-point lead. This is the outcome of what seems to be a perfect storm of events that have hit New Yorkers and shown them the repercussions of advancing far-left policies.

First, an assault attempt was made on Zeldin during a campaign rally. This occurred after an onslaught of unjustifiably harsh rhetoric directed toward Zeldin. Hochul's message of com-

passion for him and his family -- in which she did not acknowledge, however, that her rhetoric may have played a role -- exacerbated the situation for the Democrats. And to make matters worse, the man accused of attempting to attack him was released without bail under New York's controversial bail reform laws.

What might have been the biggest eye-opener for New Yorkers was when Govs. Greg Abbott of Texas and Ron DeSantis of Florida sent thousands of migrants to New York City, a "sanctuary city" that supports illegal immigrants and regularly admonishes governors who try to control illegal immigration, seemingly out of spite.

To further irritate New Yorkers, while New York City has become so prohibitively expensive that the average person no longer can afford to live there -- with skyrocketing rents averaging around \$5,000 per month for shoebox apartments in Manhattan -- these migrants are being housed and fed three meals a day on the taxpayers' dime.

Finally, escalating crime rates in New York City and its surrounding neighbor-

hoods, some of it fueled by a lack of prosecution by leftist district attorneys and increased poverty, have transformed the city into a place of much fear. New York City at night is a veritable Gotham City, with violence even reaching Zeldin's front door on Long Island -- two men exchanged gunfire while his daughters were home alone.

Voters are beginning to understand that Democratic leaders care exclusively about retribution and equity for the tiny minority -- and not about ordinary Americans. This "equality" always comes at the expense of fairness and the quality of life of the common individual. In addition, based on their rhetoric and policy proposals, it often appears that Democrats care only about Democrats and future Democratic voters, not Republicans, independents, or anybody who disagrees with them.

Many New Yorkers are certainly concerned about matters such as transgender rights, abortion, and immigration. Yet they worry more about how they will put food on the table, whether they will be able to pay rent and whether they can provide a safe and comfortable life for their children. The messaging of Hochul and other Democrats is entirely fixated on the trivial -- significant, but less pressing -- problems of abortion, immigration, and transgender rights.

Does this mean that New York voters are discovering that Zeldin may be the governor for them because he seeks to be fair to everyone, at the cost of no one? Many Republicans are not interested in providing illegal immigrants with support, food, and shelter when they cannot even provide for their constituents. We cannot save everyone, but we can create an environment where everyone can save themselves -- and that includes illegal immigrants and others.

New York is often a city of extremes, but we can use a bill introduced in the Virginia State Legislature to demonstrate the Democratic Party's electoral aims. The upcoming legislative session in Virginia was supposed to see the reintroduction of a bill that would broaden the state's definition of child abuse and neglect to include people who cause mental or physical injury based on their child's gender identity or sexual orientation. Thankfully, there was a bipartisan backfire, and the bill's sponsor said she will not reintroduce it.

Many Democrats in power support frustrating, irrational policies. Considering what has occurred over the previous four years, it does not take a soothsayer to forecast that New York would regress significantly over the next four years if Hochul is elected governor.



ARMSTRONG WILLIAMS

Joe Biden's national defense strategy: Nice words, but what's new?

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Last week, the Biden administration released its unclassified National Defense Strategy.

The document was well-written and proposed several new concepts and definitions that differed from the past strategies from former Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump.

The aims of these two prior strategies were variants of "contain, compete, deter and if war arises defeat" China, Russia, North Korea, Iran and violent extremism. However, none of those objectives was translated into specific force structure and budget numbers, leaving open the perplexing question of how much is enough for defense. Indeed, cynics assert that the defense budget, not the NDS, determines the strategy.

The Biden NDS posited four major strategic aims: defending the homeland; deterring strategic (nuclear) attack against the United States and allies; deterring aggression and, if needed, prevailing in conflict; and creating a resilient joint force and defense "ecosystem." The means to accomplish these aims are to deter by "denial, resilience and cost imposition." And "integrated deterrence" and "campaigning" are central concepts to a future force that is "lethal, sustainable, resilient, sustainable, agile and responsive."

Definitions of the threat have also been reworded. China is "systemic" and "pacing." Russia is "acute." And Iraq and North Korea are "persistent." But what do these terms mean for the strategy and the size and composition of future force structure and budgets? That is unstated.

Is integrated deterrence more than a new name for past "whole of government and closer allied part-

nership" approaches? That, too, is unclear. Likewise, is "campaigning" simply a new version of traditional "presence"? Campaigning, certainly as practiced by the British empire and the Marine Corps a century ago, was waging "little wars" and lesser forms of conflict in distant places, certainly a far different concept than today's.

Similarly, the characteristics required for the joint force from lethal to agile are not new. Substituting new terms for old ones can create the impression of innovation. However, without further explanation, renaming does not equate to creating new concepts. The same reservations apply to the "defense ecosystem." What does ecosystem mean? How is it different from a defense intellectual, logistical and industrial base and what are the consequences for strategy?

Attached to the NDS were the Strategic Nuclear Posture and Missile Defense Reviews. The NPR called for a future deterrent force of 10 Columbia-class ballistic nuclear submarines estimated at \$10 billion each, less new missiles; 100 B-21 Sprint bombers, estimated at \$2 billion each; 200 B-52H modernized bombers; and 400 Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missiles with a projected 50-year total cost of about \$270 billion. Based on history, these costs likely will increase. The same cost issues will affect missile defense.

In terms of aspirations and foundational constructs and concepts, Biden's NDS provided better direction than past NDSes. However, relating the NDS to force structure and budget is missing. The current joint force consists of about 1.4 million active duty personnel and next year's budget is estimated at about \$850 billion. That spending is 3.8% of GDP and, because of growth in mandatory spending, 14% of the total budget. Is that appropriate and enough? Or is it too much or too little?

Could an alternative smaller active

duty force of 1 million and an annual budget of \$650 billion to \$700 billion meet the strategy? Some argue for spending at least 5% of GDP, equating to a larger force of 1.5 million-1.6 million and a \$1.2 trillion-dollar budget, even though, short of a war, that is fiscally and realistically infeasible. This NDS is silent on how much is enough.

Two Damoclean swords, unmentioned in the NDS, cannot be ignored: cost growth and recruitment. To pay for dramatic, uncontrolled annual cost growth in the Pentagon for every item from precision weapons and people that continue to soar, to pencils, 5% to 7% is needed. Add inflation of 8% to 9%, an annual increase in excess of \$120 billion is needed just to stay even. That would bring a \$1 trillion 2024 defense budget.

Recruitment is becoming a crisis, not just a problem. With the exception of the Marine Corps, which met its numbers by increasing retention of senior personnel (that is costly and does not fill empty junior positions), each of the services failed to meet recruiting goals. The NDS makes no mention of how both will be resolved and how, if neither is, the strategic consequences.

The publicly released NDS is more a policy statement than a strategy to drive the size, deployments, composition and costs of the joint force. Perhaps the classified version does. But what is new?

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Online requests for abortion pills soar after Roe vs. Wade reversal, study says

By Sheri Walsh
 UPI

Online requests for mail-order abortion pills

surged after the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe vs. Wade, according to a new study that found more women turned to the Internet as some states banned or restricted the procedure.

The study, led by researchers at the University of Texas at Austin and published Tuesday in the medical journal JAMA, found that limiting abortions within the formal health care system did not eliminate them.

The study analyzed requests for abortion-inducing drugs over the past year, and found requests for self-managed abortions spiked after the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade on June 24.

"The increases indicate that while abortion bans create access barriers that lead to more people self-managing their abortions,

self-managed abortion is also a method of choice for some," said Abigail Aiken, lead author and assistant professor at the University of Texas Austin's LBJ School of Public Affairs.

The study specifically analyzed inquiries to Aid Access from September 2021 to August 2022. The nonprofit organization, based in Austria, provides mail-order abortion pills in the United States following a telemedicine consultation with a physician.

Aid Access saw requests for abortion pills from people who cited "current abortion restrictions" double from 31% before the Supreme Court decision to 62% after.

Between September 2021 and May 2022, when abortion was legal, the organization said it received 83 requests a day.

That number jumped to 137 daily requests after the Supreme Court's draft opinion was leaked between May and June 23. Once Roe vs. Wade was reversed on June 24, average daily requests soared to nearly 214.

Medicated abortion is approved by the Food and Drug Administration, which requires two pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

The drugs no longer require an in person visit at a clinic or hospital after the Biden administration allowed doctors to prescribe the pills virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In all, 19 states currently ban providers from prescribing abortion pills. Aid Access allows patients to bypass restrictions by connecting them to European doctors who prescribe

the pills before they are mailed from India.

While the study found requests for abortion pills increased in every state, the largest increases were from five states that either banned or restricted abortions after the Supreme Court ruling. They include Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

"It's an incredibly unique and invaluable dataset," Liza Fuentes, a senior research scientist at Guttmacher Institute, said in a statement about how legal changes to abortion access are impacting the way people seek reproductive care.

"In the places where people have the least chance -- and in some cases, zero chance -- of being able to get an abortion in their community, it makes sense that people would try to seek that care online."

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By Sheri Walsh
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New Twitter owner Elon Musk has renegotiated plans to charge verified users \$19.99 a month, lowering the price to \$8 for the coveted blue check mark, following backlash on the social media platform.

Musk announced the new price in a tweet on Tuesday.

"Twitter's current lords & peasants system for who has or doesn't have a blue checkmark is [expletive]," Musk tweeted. "Power to the people! Blue for \$8/month."

Twitter's current subscription costs \$4.99 a month and includes a blue check mark, which has become a status symbol for celebrities and influencers to show their accounts have been verified.



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Now running for his fourth term, Senator Fitch shares that he is most concerned about raising teacher and state employee pay, expanding Medicaid, and working to keep costs down on everyday needs. Fitch shares that "Too many families are forced to pick between gas and groceries, or school supplies and their power bill. I promise to fight everyday to make life better for families having to make that choice everyday."



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Suspect in custody after shooting 2 Newark police officers at close range

By Darryl Coote
UPI

A suspect in the overnight shooting of two Newark, N.J. police officers is in custody.

The suspect, identified Tuesday night as 30-year-old Kendall Howard of East Orange, N.J., was apprehended and taken into custody Wednesday morning.

Essex County Prosecutor Ted Stephens has charged Howard with two counts of attempted murder and one count each of unauthorized possession of a weapon and unauthorized possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes.

Stephens will hold a press conference to discuss the arrest Wednesday at 2 p.m. ET.

Authorities in New Jersey were hunting overnight for Howard, who shot two police officers at a Newark residential building where they were investigating a shooting that had occurred late last week.

The officers with the Newark Police Department remained in the hospital Tuesday night in stable condition after they were shot at close range that early afternoon, law enforcement and city officials said.

One officer underwent surgery at a local hospital after he was shot in the face, with the bullet then entering his shoulder. The other officer sustained a bullet wound to the leg.

"By God's grace, they are in stable condition at this point," Newark Mayor Ras Baraka told reporters during a press conference.

The shooting occurred as the officers were responding to the apartment building at Van Velsor Place and Chancellor Ave. after a concerned citizen called 911 at about 1 p.m., stating they had identified a suspect involved in a shooting that occurred Friday.

The officers were exiting the building into the parking lot when they confronted the suspect, who was seemingly on his way into the apartment complex.

"They gave him instructions, there was a brief altercation, the gentleman pulled a gun out, shot two police officers at close range," Baraka said, adding that the police officers returned fire and the suspect "retreated into the building." It was unclear if the suspect was injured in the gunfire exchange.

Law enforcement units were then deployed to sweep the building, which took hours and failed to produce the suspect.

Newark Public Safety Director Fritz Fragé explained that there are many entrances and exit points to the building, including fire escapes.

"At some point and time, he must have exited the building," he said.

FBI Newark said it was assisting with the investigation.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said he was closely monitoring the situation and had been in touch with local authorities whose requests for additional resources were granted.

"We are praying for the speedy recovery of two police officers who were shot and injured in the line of duty today in Newark," he tweeted. "I am grateful to those who are working around the clock to ensure that the perpetrator of this heinous crime is apprehended and brought to justice."

The shooting occurred amid an increase in officers becoming victims of such violence.

According to a report from the National Fraternal Order of Police, as of the end of September, 252 officers have been shot this year, including 50 who were killed, representing a 5% increase from a year earlier.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the injured officers and all the officers handling the Newark attack," Patrick Coligan, president of the New Jersey State Benevolent Association, which represents more than 33,000 law enforcement officers in the state, said in a statement. "This level of violence must be stopped and condemned by everyone."



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Study: Autism alters brain more broadly than previously thought

By Judy Packer-Tursman UPI

Brain changes in

people with autism are more far-reaching than previously thought, occurring throughout the cerebral cortex rather

than being confined to certain areas thought to affect social behavior and language. That's according to

a new study -- lasting more than a decade and led by the University of California-Los Angeles -- that explored how au-

tism spectrum disorder affects the brain at the molecular level.

The researchers found changes in "virtually all" of the 11 cortical regions of the brain that they analyzed, including "higher critical association regions" involved in functions such as reasoning, language, social cognition and mental flexibility, as well as primary sensory regions, a news release said.

The findings were published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

Neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease have well-defined pathologies, but autism does not, which makes it difficult to develop more effective treatments, the scientists said.

"We now finally are beginning to get a picture of the state of the brain, at the molecular level, of the brain in individuals who had a diagnosis of autism. This provides us with a molecular pathology ... [and] provides a key starting point for understanding the disorder's mechanisms, which will inform and accelerate development of disease-altering therapies," Dr. Daniel Geschwind, the study's corresponding author said in the release.

In 2011, Geschwind, who is the Gordon and Virginia MacDonald Distinguished Professor of Human Genetics, Neurology and Psychi-

atry at UCLA, led the first effort to identify autism's molecular pathology by focusing on two high-cognition brain regions, the temporal lobe and frontal lobe.

For the new study, the investigators examined gene expression in 11 cortical regions of the brain by sequencing RNA from each of the four main cortical lobes.

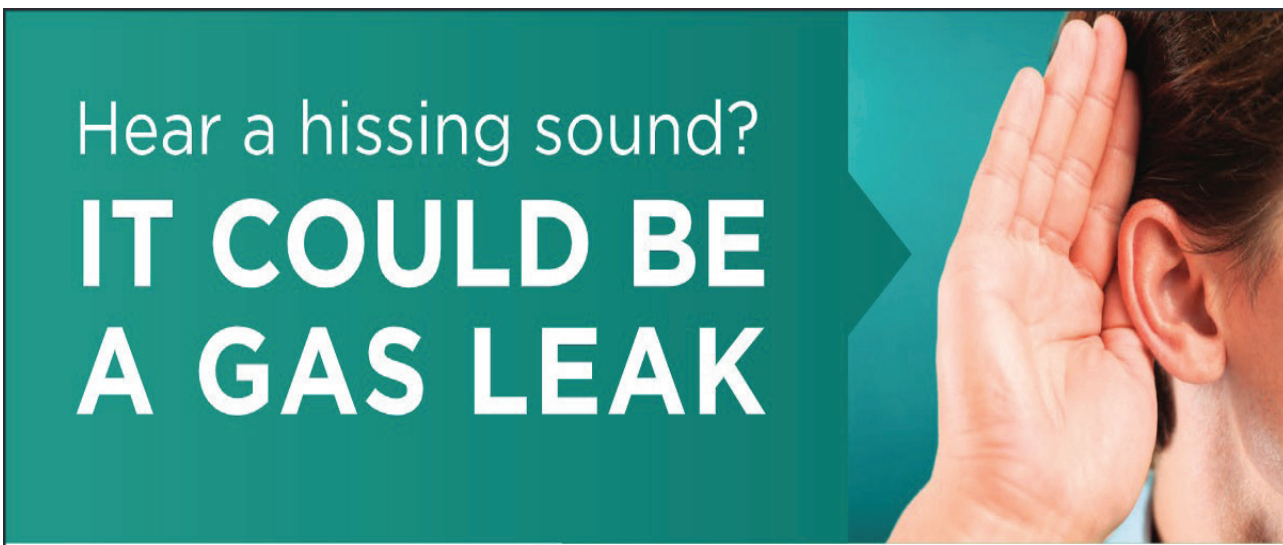
The scientists compared brain tissue samples obtained after death from 112 people with autism spectrum disorder against healthy brain tissue.

Each profiled region showed changes, but the largest drop off in gene levels was in the visual cortex and the parietal cortex, which processes information such as touch, pain and temperature, the release said.

The researchers explained this may reflect the "sensory hypersensitivity" that is frequently reported in people with autism.

The investigators also found strong evidence indicating that RNA changes in the brain are likely the cause of autism rather than a result of the condition.

Next, the researchers aim to determine whether they can use "computational approaches" to develop therapies based on reversing the gene expression changes in the brain that they have found in people with autism, Geschwind said in the release.



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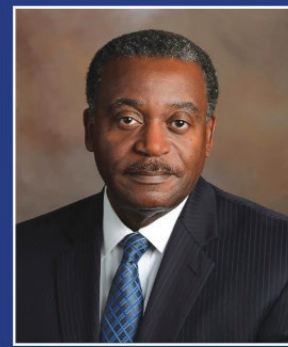
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Supreme Court dismisses Lindsey Graham's bid to block Georgia grand jury testimony

By Joe Fisher
UPI

public's interest in the timely and effective resolution of this investigation would

It issued an order Tuesday, stating "a stay or injunction is not necessary to safe-

guard the Senator's Speech or Debate Clause immunity," which clears a path to

Graham testifying before a grand jury.

The order was not signed

by any of the justices. Graham is currently scheduled to testify on Nov. 17.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected Sen. Lindsey Graham's request to block a grand jury subpoena for testimony in an investigation into attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential Election.



Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger told the Washington Post Graham was among the notable Republicans to pressure him to toss out mail-in ballots in an attempt to overturn the election results. Graham asked the Supreme Court to intervene, arguing his conversation with Raffensperger was protected speech or debate.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas shielded Graham from testifying last week. Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis then penned a response to Graham's request, noting it was crucial to hear his testimony.

"While the harm to the

be certain, Senator Graham faces no danger of harm should a stay be denied," the response said.

Lower courts, such as the District of Northern Georgia's 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, ruled Graham must testify and the questioning of the senator must be kept specifically to his efforts to persuade Raffensperger on the election results. Willis assured the questions being prepared for Graham are being assembled with this understanding.

The Supreme Court agreed with the lower courts' decisions, which recognize Graham's legislative activities are protected.

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Arrest made in August shooting of Washington Commanders football player

By Simon Druker
UPI

Police in Washington, D.C., have arrested a suspect in the August shooting of Washington Commanders running back Brian Robinson, the city's Metropolitan Police Department said Wednesday.

Investigators arrested a 17-year-old male, who was 16 at the time of the attempted robbery on Aug. 28. The teen was charged with intent to rob while armed with a gun.

"The suspects brandished handguns and attempted to rob the victim. During the robbery attempt, one of the suspects fired a handgun, striking the victim," the department said in a release.

"The suspects fled the scene in a vehicle without obtaining any property. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries."

The shooting happened about 5:30 p.m. EDT, and Robinson was hit in the leg by two bullets.



Police have arrested a suspect in the August shooting of Washington Commanders running back Brian Robinson, the city's Metropolitan Police Department said on Wednesday. Photo by Emilee Fails/Washington Commanders

The team's 2022 third-round pick in the NFL draft later underwent surgery for the non-life-threatening-injuries and was placed on the NFL's non-football injury list.

Robinson missed the team's first four games of the season, returning to practice in early October. The rookie had been expected to start the season in the backfield as the team's primary ball carrier.

Police did not comment Wednesday on the status of a second suspect seen during the attempted robbery.

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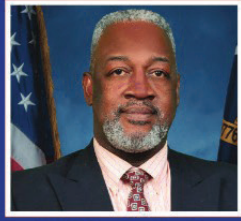
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Kansas basketball coaches suspended amid recruiting investigation

By Simon Druker UPI

Kansas suspended Jayhawks men's basketball coach Bill Self and top assistant Kurtis Townsend for the first four games of the upcoming NCAA season, the school confirmed on Wednesday.

The self-imposed suspensions stems from an ongoing investigation into the school's past recruiting practices being conducted by the NCAA's Independent Resolution Panel, which originated in 2017.

Official NCAA penalties from that investigation aren't likely to be meted out until after the 2022-2023 season.

The NCAA investigation was born out of a lengthy FBI investigation into college basketball corruption.

Federal agents initially arrested 10 people, including former NBA star Chuck

Person.

The FBI investigation led the NCAA to level five Level I violations against the Kansas men's basketball program in September 2019, including Self.

"We are hopeful these difficult self-imposed sanctions will assist in bringing the case to a conclusion," Kansas Director of Athletics Travis Goff said in a statement issued by the university.

"Until then, we will continue to focus on supporting our outstanding Men's Basketball student-athletes and coaches."

"Assistant Coach Norm Roberts will serve as interim head coach during the first four games. Per confidentiality guidelines related to infraction cases, we are unable to comment in depth until there is full resolution of this matter."

The move comes as the 2017 investigation into the team's recruiting practices



continues.

Self and Townsend will miss the team's first four regular season games. Kansas opens the regular season schedule at home on Nov. 7 against Omaha.

"Coach Townsend and I accept and support KU's decision to self-impose these

sanctions," Self said in a statement.

"We are in good hands with Coach Roberts, and I am confident that he will do a great job on the bench leading our team. I am proud of the way our guys have handled this situation and I look forward to returning to the bench for our game against NC State."

Kansas also imposed a number of other sanctions on the two coaches. Both men will be limited to four official visits during this academic year and again next year.

The men's basketball program will be limited to three total scholarships over the next three years. They will also face other informal recruiting visit restrictions. They were also barred from off-campus recruiting this past summer.

Self and Townsend will rejoin the team for the team's game on Nov. 23 in the Bahamas.

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World Series: Harper powers Game 3 win, Phillies take 2-1 lead over Astros

By Alex Butler
UPI

Bryce Harper hit the first of five Philadelphia Phillies home runs to propel a 7-0 shutout victory over the Houston Astros in Game 3 of the World Series on Tuesday at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.

The Phillies have a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven game series. Game 4 will be Wednesday in Philadelphia.

"It started from pitch No. 1," Harper told MLB Network. "From getting out here with our fan base, them showing up for us each night, just the opportunity to play in front of them has been great."

"We were able to jump on them early and keep it going."

Phillies third baseman Alec Bohm, center fielder Brandon Marsh, left fielder Kyle Schwarber and first baseman Rhys Hoskins also homered.

Phillies starting pitcher Ranger Suarez allowed just three hits over five shutout innings. The Phillies bullpen allowed just two hits over the final four innings.

Astros starter Lance McCullers Jr. allowed six hits and seven runs



Philadelphia Phillies designated hitter Bryce Harper runs the bases as Houston Astros infielder Yuli Gurriel looks on after Harper hit a two-run home run in Game 3 of the 2022 World Series on Tuesday at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. Photo by Ray Stubblebine/UPI

over 4 1/3 innings.

"It was kind of mind-boggling because he doesn't give up homers. He usually keeps the ball in the ballpark," Astros manager

Dusty Baker told reporters when asked about McCullers.

"He wasn't satisfied with it. We were very surprised by it. When it is 4-0 in this ballpark, you don't

want to go through your whole pitching staff.

"What can I say? The line score looks bad, but they were just hitting us."

McCullers walked Schwarber to lead off the bottom of the first. He then struck out Hoskins and forced a pop out from Phillies catcher J.T. Realmuto. Harper hit his next pitch over the right center field fence for the first two runs of the game.

The Astros stranded two runners in the top of the second. Bohm then led off the bottom of the inning with a 373-foot solo shot to left field. Marsh hit a 358-foot solo shot to right center three at-bats later for a 4-0 Phillies lead.

Phillies second baseman Jean Segura grounded out to lead off the bottom of the fifth. Marsh then hit a line drive single off McCullers in the second at-bat of the half inning.

Schwarber followed with a 443-foot, two-run bomb to center field. Hoskins hit another 374-foot solo shot in the next at-bat for the final run of the night.

Phillies relievers Connor Brogdon, Kyle Gibson, Nick Nelson and Andrew Bellatti teamed up to silence Astros hitters over the second half of Game 3.

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