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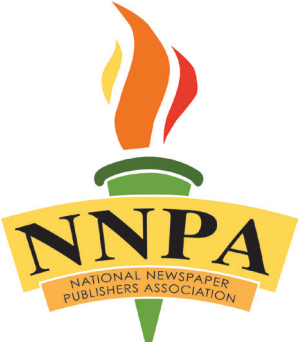
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**BRIAN FLORES SUES MIAMI DOLPHINS, NFL ALLEGING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

By Daniel Uria  
UPI

Brian Flores, who was fired as the head coach of the Miami Dolphins last month, sued the NFL and all of its 32 teams Tuesday alleging racial discrimination against him and other Black coaches.

The 58-page class-action lawsuit filed jointly by Wigdor LLP and Elefterakis, Elefterakis & Panek in the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York alleges that the NFL "remains rife with racism, particularly when it comes to the hiring and retention of" Black head coaches, coordinators and general managers.

"In certain critical ways, the NFL is racially segregated and is managed much like a plantation," the suit states. "Its 32 owners -- none of

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Brian Flores sued the NFL and all 32 teams, including the Miami Dolphins who fired him last month, alleging racial discrimination against Black coaches in the league's hiring process. File Photo courtesy of the Miami Dolphins

**Gentrification through demolition**

By A Salaam

The town of Farmville NC has mainly targeted melanated women for gaslighting for the purpose of stealing their real estate. A pattern that has been consistent for several decades. Single women are the main targets. I am fighting for my life and my land. There have been untimely deaths associated with this process. The behavior is like a lynch mob sans the rope. All forms of witch hunting is employed involving all levels of government and police. Framing of individuals for non-existent crimes has also been employed. Stalking in groups and constant slander attacks on their intended targets. There have been enough cases for it to be considered intentional and a deliberate pattern of gentrification and a form of violence.

**Shooting at Virginia college leaves 2 officers dead**

By Simon Druker  
UPI

A shooting Tuesday at Bridgewater College in northern Virginia left two campus officers dead and a suspect in custody, local authorities said.

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced the arrest of a suspect around 2 p.m.

"The shooter is in custody and state and local police are on the scene. I will continue to monitor the situation in conjunction with law enforcement," Youngkin said in a tweet.

Bridgewater College lifted its shelter in place order around 4:30 p.m.

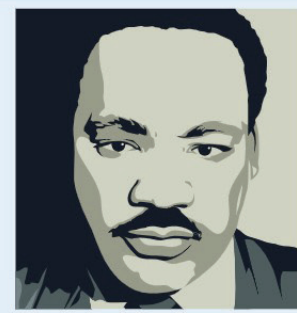
The school's president, David W. Bushman, said Campus Police officer John Painter and Campus Safety officer J.J. Jefferson were killed during the attack.

"These officers were close friends, known to many of us as the 'dynamic duo,'" Bushman said in a statement posted to the school's website. "John was J.J.'s best man in his wedding this year. They were beloved by students, faculty and staff. I hurt for their families and loved ones, as I know we all do."

The Virginia State Police, Harrisonburg Police Department, FBI, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives responded to the scene.

Witness Ecliff Graves told the Richmond Times-Dispatch he saw the suspect running away from the college carrying a duffle bag over his shoulder.

"Whatever he had in that bag was very heavy," Graves said.



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# OPINION

## 'Let's Go Brandon': The Intersection of Humor and Reality

When President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden spoke with children and NORAD authorities monitoring Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, things went awry. "Let's Go Brandon," a slogan that has become an online phenomenon this year, was stated by a father named Jared Schmeck from Oregon at the end of his family's chat with the Bidens. If anyone believed this joke was going to die soon, Biden breathed new life into it with only two words that followed Schmeck's message: "I agree."

Jokes have a short shelf life in the age of the internet. Typically, these jokes, or memes, disappear from public consciousness as quickly as they emerge, owing to our newly interconnected world's ability for anybody to send a message to millions of others in a moment, effectively placing previous jokes on the back burner. More than that, these internet jokes usually have a single target audience, whether it's a specific age group or a specific community.

In either case, being a part of one of these age ranges or communities opens the doors to the underlying meaning of the joke. Despite this, the joke "Let's Go Brandon" has such a profound significance that it has reached practically every audience in our culture and is so widespread that it appears to the average person to have been created just yesterday.

"Let's Go Brandon" was

popularized by NBC News during a post-race interview with Brandon Brown, the winner of the NASCAR Xfinity Series race. Fans could clearly be heard chanting "F--- Joe Biden" throughout this interview. Nonetheless, the NBC reporter added, entirely unprompted, that the crowd was shouting



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"Let's go, Brandon," in a blatant and utterly pointless attempt to cover for the Democrat president.

This phrase has evolved into a euphemism for the aforementioned obscene chant, and it is now used to mock Democrats and the mainstream media for their unscrupulous practices, which have contributed to the deterioration of our society in recent years. Humor, as it turns out, is a path to truth; it is the point at which truth and our fear of communicating the truth collide.

While Brown is a successful NASCAR driver, the majority of individuals who have used and continue to use this term are unlikely to know who he is. That's because the chant's "Brandon" element has nothing to do with the driver and everything to do with the mainstream media and Democrats. "Let's Go Bran-

don" is the result of years of rapidly diminishing media credibility.

The media has repeatedly shown to be little more than propaganda mills for political parties. Mainstream media outlets, particularly on the left, have run cover after cover for Democrats and used Republicans as punching bags, calling them every term in the book despite never having truly known the individuals they loathe and name-call in front of the entire world. When that interviewer stated "Let's go, Brandon," it perfectly encapsulated how Americans feel about the media. The crowd was openly disparaging the Democrat president, and, like clockwork, one of the very channels that many Americans abhor ignored what was right in front of their faces and brazenly lied to the people watching -- as they do day after day. Not only that, but despite the chant's lack of vulgarity, everyone who hears it and knows the context behind it understands precisely what it means.

This chant is in response to what the mainstream media has done to the United States. They have produced tremendous divide among the American population and made individuals frightened to speak up by continually harassing, criticizing and labeling them for their beliefs. Now, it appears that Biden's unintended agree-

ment with the statement merely adds to the growing concern about his mental competence that even Democrats must acknowledge.

Biden is not dumb -- at least not in the traditional sense. He is a law school graduate who has served as a senator, vice president of the United States and now president. However, he is getting older, and no matter how much Democrats want to lecture you on science and other topics, it is a fact that old age is oftentimes accompanied by poor memory and diminished overall capacity. To lead our country, we need minds of the highest caliber, which I do not believe Biden possesses. With his newest gaffe, stating "I agree" to the slogan "Let's Go Brandon," he has demonstrated again why he is unfit to lead our country.

The media has dug their own grave; they have plunged into the deep end and buried themselves beneath the pillars of deception and falsehood. The mainstream media alienates more and more individuals with every blunder they make, for every clear falsehood they spread and for every instance of exaggerated reporting they produce. It will only be a matter of time until everyone understands the damage that these mainstream media sources have caused, as well as the devastation that our country has suffered as a result of their actions.

## Brad Pitt's green housing for Hurricane Katrina survivors turned into a nightmare

By Judith Keller, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation built 109 eye-catching and affordable homes in New Orleans for a community where many people were displaced by damage wrought by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Now this housing development is in disarray. The vast majority of the recently constructed homes are riddled with construction-related problems that have led to mold, termites, rotting wood, flooding and other woes.

At least six are boarded up and abandoned. Many residents have filed lawsuits that are still pending. That is, a nonprofit that built houses with input from Frank Gehry and other prominent architects amid much fanfare for survivors of one disaster then ushered in another disaster.

Structural and other problems are making many residents fear for their health. Make It Right, despite what its name might suggest, has not resolved these issues and has stopped assisting residents. Instead, the movie star-led nonprofit has apparently become defunct.

As an urban geographer who researches housing development, I've been following Make It Right's travails since 2018, when residents tried to get the New Orleans City Council involved and have municipal authorities inspect the homes. The situation has only deteriorated since then, highlighting the perils that can accompany nonprofit housing development.

### Supposedly sustainable housing

Located in New Orleans' historically Black and low-income Lower Ninth Ward, this cluster of affordable homes built between 2008 and 2015 was unusual for several reasons. Notably, these residences were sold, rather than rented to their occupants.

The architects who created these homes also tried to make them green and sustainable following a "cradle-to-cradle" philosophy that centers around the use of safe and reusable materials, clean water and renewable energy. All the homes had solar panels and energy-efficient heating and cooling systems.

Make It Right reported spending \$26.8 million on the housing. To make the homes, which fell short of the group's original goal of 150 residences, affordable, they were sold for less than it cost to build them, mostly around \$150,000.

The nonprofit housing developer says its mission is to "improve the design and performance of affordable housing" and to "share best practices associated with the construction of such homes."

Make It Right also sought to revitalize the Lower Ninth Ward and bring people together. For example, it built a community garden and held regular meetings for the new homeowners.

Although some of these structures are not yet a decade old, my data show that only six remain in reasonably good shape. Most either have had partial repairs or have been completely renovated because of structural problems. Two were demolished because of severe mold problems.

Many of the houses lacked ordinary, essential features such as rain gutters, overhangs, waterproof painting or covered beams -- all of which are necessary to withstand New Orleans' subtropical climate and heavy rainfall.

Pitt, who took credit for launching this organization in 2007 and often served as its public face in subsequent years, was still listed as a board member as of 2018.

Pitt's lawyers argued that he could not be sued over the housing development's failings, but a judge ruled in 2019 that the movie star would remain a defendant because of his role as Make It Right's founder and chief fundraiser.

## New flood maps show U.S. damage rising 26% in next 30 years

By Oliver Wing & Carolyn Kousky & Jeremy Porter & Paul Bates

Climate change is raising flood risks in neighborhoods across the United States much faster than many people realize. Over the next three decades, the cost of flood damage is on pace to rise 26% due to climate change alone, an analysis of our new flood risk maps shows.

That's only part of the risk. Despite recent devastating floods, people are still building in high-risk areas. With population growth factored in, we found the increase in U.S. flood losses will be four times higher than the climate-only effect.

Our team develops cutting-edge flood risk maps that incorporate climate change. It's the data that drives local risk estimates you're likely to see on real estate websites.

In the new analysis, published Monday, we estimated where flood risk is rising fastest and who is in harm's way. The results show the high costs of flooding and lay bare the inequities of who has to endure America's crippling flood problem. They also show the importance of altering development patterns now.

### Role of climate change

Flooding is the most frequent and costliest natural disaster in the United States, and its costs are projected to

rise as the climate warms. Decades of measurements, computer models and basic physics all point to increasing precipitation and sea level rise.

As the atmosphere warms, it holds about 7% more moisture for every degree Celsius that the temperature rises, meaning more moisture is available to fall as rain, potentially raising the risk of inland flooding. A warmer climate also leads to rising sea levels and higher storm surges as land ice melts and warming ocean water expands.

Yet, translating that understanding into the detailed impact of future flooding has been beyond the grasp of existing flood mapping approaches.

Previous efforts to link climate change to flood models offered only a broad view of the threat and didn't zoom in close enough to provide reliable measures of local risk, although they could illustrate the general direction of change. Most local flood maps, such as those produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, have a different problem: They're based on historical changes rather than incorporating the risks ahead, and the government is slow to update them.

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floods of many different sizes, from nuisance flooding that may occur every few years to once-in-a-millennium disasters.

While hazard maps only show where floods might occur, our new risk analysis combines that with data on the U.S. building stock to understand the damage that occurs when floodwaters collide with homes and businesses. It's the first validated analysis of climate-driven flood risk for the United States.

### Inequity of flood problem

We estimated that the annual cost of flooding is over \$32 billion nationwide, with an outsize burden on communities in Appalachia, the Gulf Coast and the Northwest.

When we looked at demographics, we found that today's flood risk is predominantly concentrated in White, impoverished communities. Many of these are in low-lying areas directly on the coasts or Appalachian valleys at risk from heavy rainfall.

But the increase in risk as rising oceans reach farther inland during storms and high tides over the next 30 years falls disproportionately on communities with large African American populations on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. Urban and rural areas from Texas to Florida to Virginia contain predominantly Black communities projected to see at least a 20% increase in flood risk over the

next 30 years.

Historically, poorer communities haven't seen as much investment in flood adaptation or infrastructure, leaving them more exposed. The new data, reflecting the cost of damage, contradicts a common misconception that flood risk exacerbated by sea level rise is concentrated in White, wealthier areas.

Our findings raise policy questions about disaster recovery. Prior research has found that these groups recover less quickly than more privileged residents and that disasters can further exacerbate existing inequities. Current federal disaster aid disproportionately helps wealthier residents. Without financial safety nets, disasters can be tipping points into financial stress or deeper poverty.

### Population growth

Another important contributor to flood risk is the growing population.

As urban areas expand, people are building in riskier locations, including expanding into existing floodplains -- areas that were already at risk of flooding, even in a stable climate. That's making adapting to the rising climate risks even more difficult.

Hurricane Harvey made that risk painfully clear when its record rainfall sent two reservoirs spilling into neighborhoods, inundating homes that had been built in the reservoirs' flood zones. That was in 2017, and communities in Houston are rebuilding in risky areas again.

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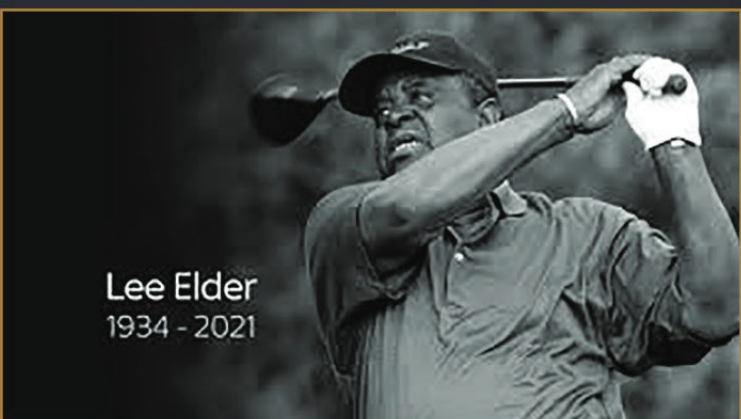
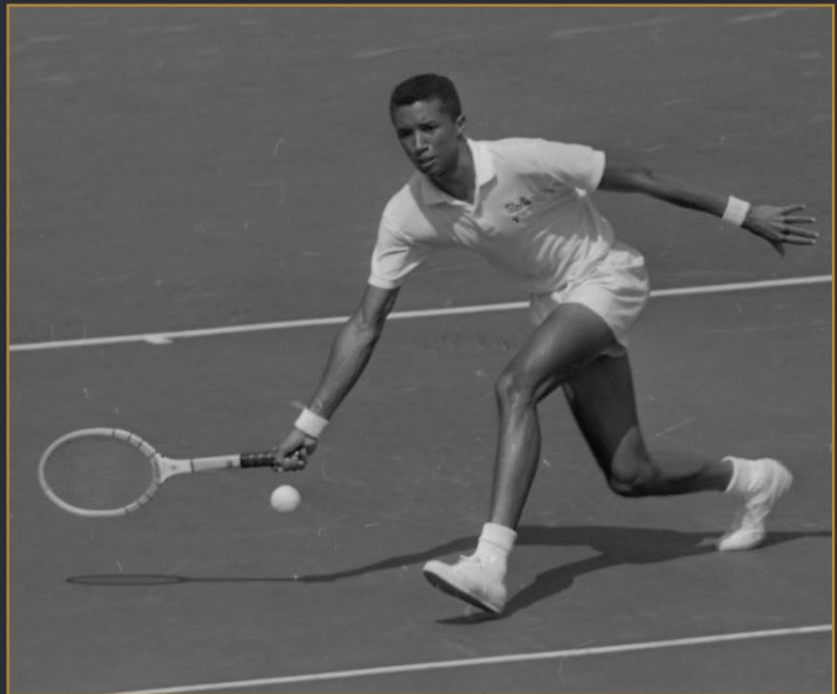
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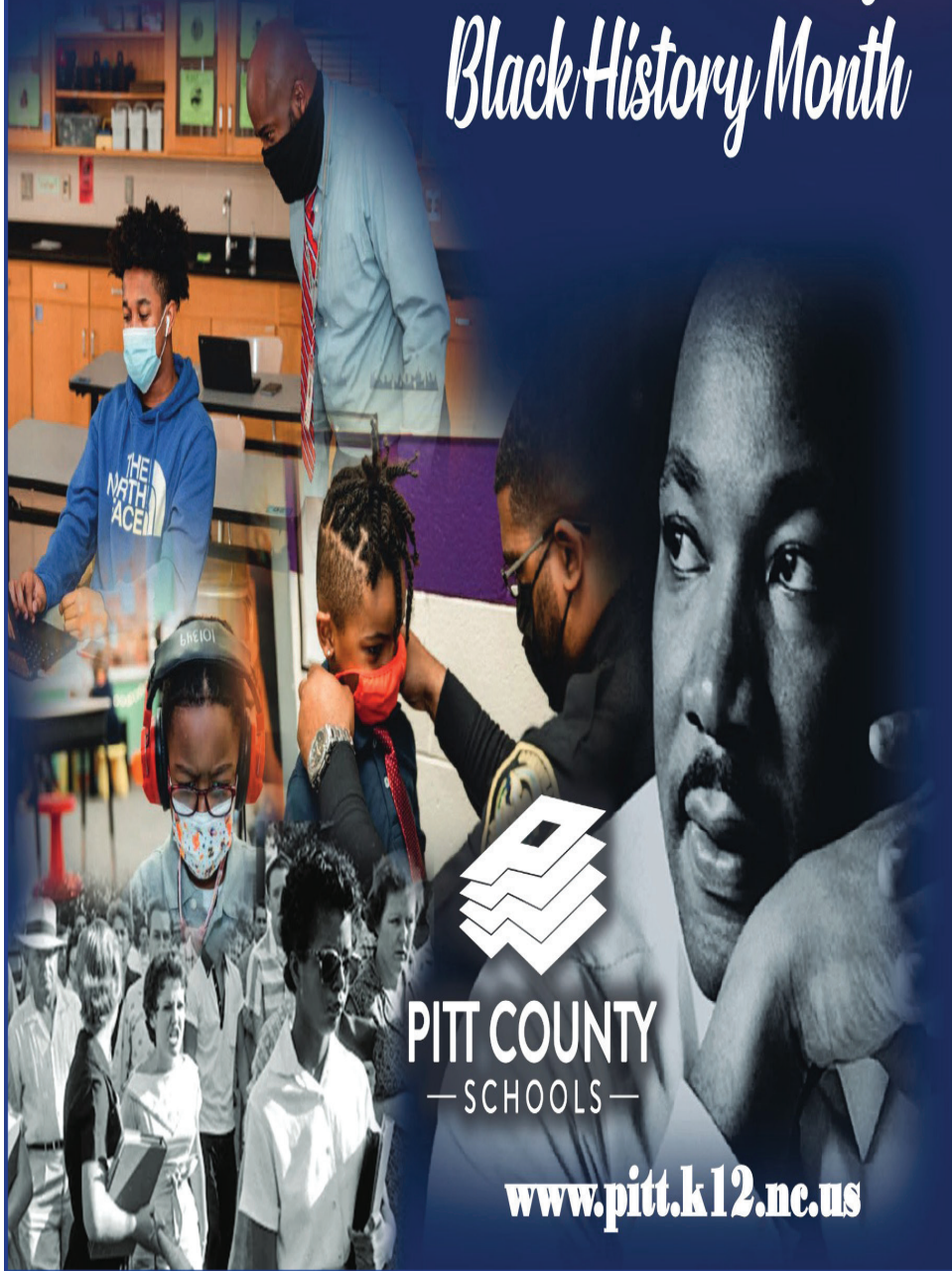
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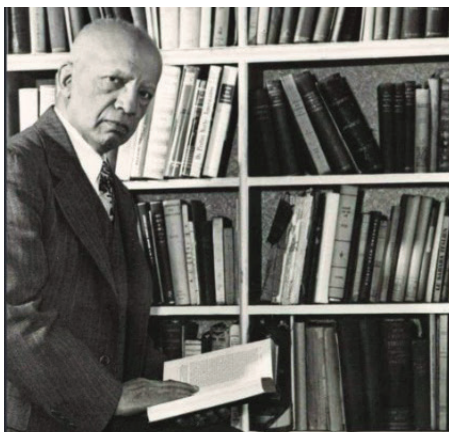
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## Flores

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worked with as an assistant coach. The texts congratulated Flores for being hired as the head coach of the New York Giants before he was scheduled to interview with the team and after his dismissal from the Dolphins.

On Friday, the Giants announced they hired Brian Daboll, a White man, as their next head coach. When Flores asked Belichick if his text messages were meant for him or Daboll, Belichick confirmed he was mistaken.

"I double checked & I misread the text. I think they are naming Daboll. I'm sorry about that," Belichick wrote.

"Mr. Flores was not only

denied the head coach position of the New York Giants but was humiliated in the process as the New York Giants subjected him to a sham interview in an attempt to appear to provide a Black candidate with a legitimate chance at obtaining the job," the lawsuit states.

Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon said in a statement that the team was "confident in the process" that resulted in hiring Daboll.

"Flores was in the conversation to be our head coach until the eleventh hour," Hanlon said.

Additionally, the suit states that Flores was invited to interview with the Denver Broncos in 2019 but then-General Manager John Elway, President and CEO Joe Ellis and others showed up to the interview an hour late and "looked complete-

ly disheveled" in addition to appearing to have been "drinking heavily the night before."

Shortly after the interview, the team hired Vic Fangio, a White man, as its head coach.

"It was clear from the substance of the interview that Mr. Flores was interviewed only because of the Rooney Rule, and that the Broncos never had any intention to consider him as a legitimate candidate for the job," the suit states.


The Broncos dismissed the allegations as "blatantly false" in a statement shared with ESPN's Adam Schefter.

"Our process was thorough and fair to determine the most qualified candidate for our head coaching position," the team said. "The Broncos will vigorously defend the integrity and values of our organization -- and its employees -- from such baseless and disparaging claims."

The lawsuit also alleges Flores was dismissed by the Dolphins due to his reluctance to purposefully lose games during the 2019 NFL season to improve the team's draft position and unwillingness to "recruit a prominent quarterback in violation of league tampering rules," at the request of Dolphins owner Stephen Ross.

Flores was fired on Jan. 10 after leading the Dolphins to a 24-25 record over three seasons.


"In reality, the writing had been on the wall since Mr. Flores' first season as the head coach of the Dolphins, when he refused his owner's directive to 'tank' for the first pick in the draft," said the lawsuit, which accuses Ross of offering Flores \$100,000 for each loss during the 2019 season.



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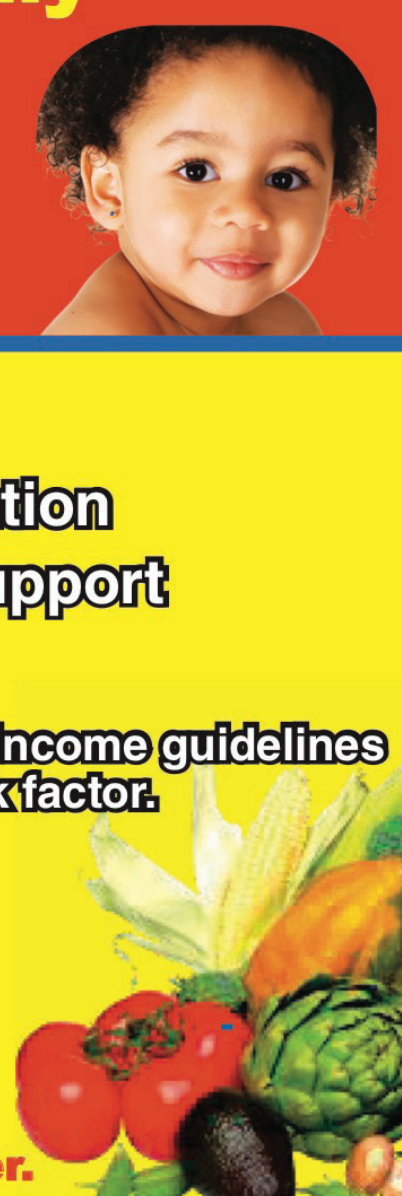
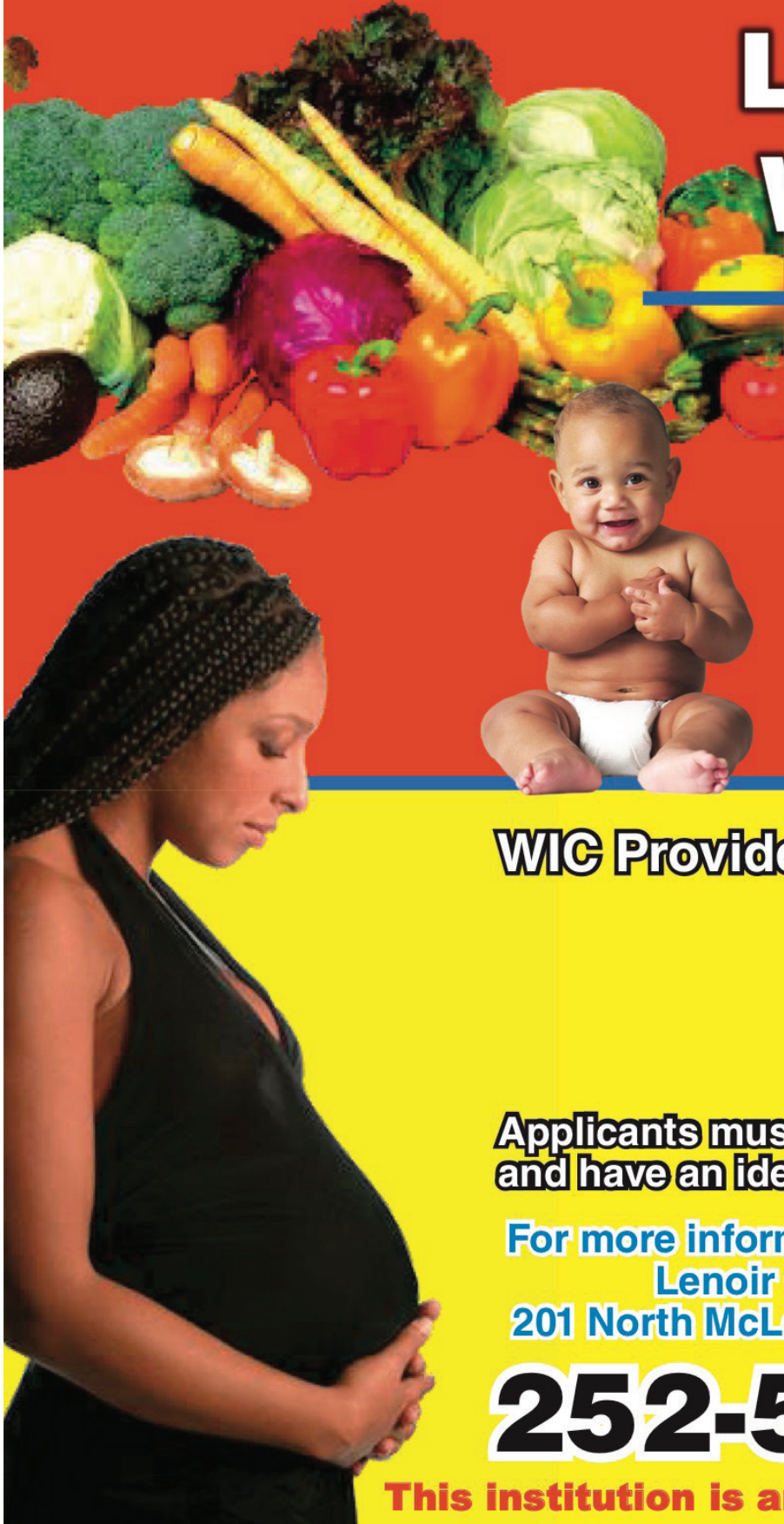
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## Rep. Cawthorn sues N.C. elections board over effort to exclude him from ballot



Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-N.C., filed a lawsuit Monday against the North Carolina State Board of Elections, arguing it does not have the authority to remove his name from the upcoming election. Photo by Joe Marino/UPI

By Simon Druker  
 UPI

Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-N.C., is suing North Carolina elections officials over an effort to remove his name from the ballot in the upcoming 2022 election.

Cawthorn filed the lawsuit in federal court Monday against the North Carolina State Board of Elections, contending it does not have the authority to remove his name from election ballots.

Earlier in January, 11 North Carolina voters filed a complaint against Cawthorn, alleging he played a role in last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol, which would constitutionally bar him from a re-election bid.

Cawthorn, who ran at age 25, became the youngest member of the House last year, and currently represents North Carolina's 11th Congressional District, but he has filed to run in the newly created 13th Congressional District.

The complaint against

him accuses Cawthorn of violating a clause in the third section of the 14th Amendment after giving a speech near the White House ahead of the Jan. 6 insurrection.

"No person shall be a senator or representative in Congress, or elector of president and vice president, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability," reads the clause.

"Rep. Cawthorn vigorously denies that he engaged in 'insurrection or rebellion

against the United States, but this litigation is not based in Rep. Cawthorn's factual defenses. Instead, this matter is before the court based upon various constitutional and legal challenges to the North Carolina Challenge Statute itself and its application here," the lawsuit states.

It goes on to say that an administrative agency, "has no power to promulgate rules and regulations which alter or add to the law it was set up to administer or which have the effect of substantive law."

The lawsuit asks that the court declare the challenge against Cawthorn unconstitutional.

"Running for political office is quintessential First Amendment activity and afforded great protection," Cawthorn said in the lawsuit.

Editor's note: An earlier version of the story incorrectly stated that Rep. Cawthorn's name was already removed from the ballot.

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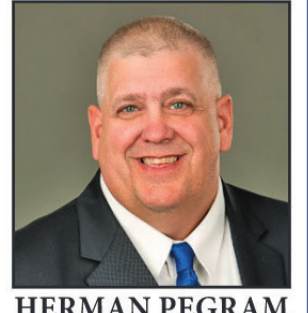


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## Lawmakers call for increased federal authority to combat COVID-19 scams

By Daniel Urias  
UPI

Senate lawmakers on Thursday said the federal government must do more to prevent price gouging and other scams targeting consumers seeking protection against COVID-19.

During a hearing titled "Stopping COVID-19 Fraud and Price Gouging" on Thursday afternoon, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, chair of the Senate subcommittee on consumer protection, product safety and data security, said he has received 800 reports of price gouging in his state of Connecticut alone while stating a "lack of sufficient authority" in the federal government is a major cause of the problem.

"There is a glaring lack of enforcement at the federal level," Blumenthal, D-Conn., said. "The federal

government, including the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice have few legal tools to hold price gougers accountable. That is a glaring gap in the law that needs to be corrected."

Blumenthal added that he planned to introduce legislation "that will enable federal forces to do more and protect consumers in Connecticut from these price gougers and scammers."

Ranking member Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., asserted that states attorneys general are best equipped to combat the fraudsters.

Todd Leatherman, program counsel for the National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute Center for Consumer Protection, said that state attorneys can face challenges due to the volume of cases.

"Obviously AG offices have limited resources and so being able to address all of these issues is a challenge," he said, while confirming that attorneys general have the legal authority to handle such cases.

Samuel Levine, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said the agency has taken steps to combat price gouging and fraud, including engaging law enforcement to stop and deter COVID-related scams, collecting and analyzing data to identify consumer fraud trends and using social media and other forms of outreach to educate consumers.

He added, however, that the "battle remains uphill so long as the digital platforms continue to wash their hands of the fraud that they are facilitating," referring to both social me-



Samuel Levine, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, said the battle against COVID-19 fraud and price gouging remains uphill so long as the digital platforms continue to wash their hands of the fraud that they are facilitating." Pool Photo by Anna Moneymaker/UPI

dia companies and online marketplaces which he said avoid responsibility for such fraud under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.

"It's crazy to me that two years into this pandemic, consumers still can't go on an e-commerce platform

and have confidence that the mask they buy is authentic," he said. "Nobody, not e-commerce platforms and not the scammers, should be profiting from the sale of defective masks that are not only cheating consumers of money but that are putting public health at risk, but

unfortunately that is exactly what is happening and the platforms are not taking enough responsibility for the fraud they are facilitating."

Mary Engle, executive vice president for policy at the Better Business Bureau, said she would like to see increased partnership with the group to combat misleading advertisements.

"When we see misleading ads on their platforms and the advertiser doesn't comply with our decision we could refer them to the platforms," she said. "Facebook actually has already agreed to do that and so when we refer matters to them, misleading ads violate their terms of service and promptly take them down and we would like to have that same partnership with the other platforms as well."

## NASA's Artemis I moonshot slips back to April or May



An illustration shows NASA's Orion spacecraft orbiting the moon, which could happen as early as late 2021. Image courtesy of NASA



NASA's Orion spacecraft is stacked on top of the SLS rocket inside the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida in November. File Photo by Joe Marino/UPI

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By Paul Brinkmann  
UPI

NASA announced Wednesday that its plan to launch the Artemis I SLS rocket in March has slipped to April or May.

The space agency said it wasn't working on any "major issues" but that engineers simply needed more time.

"NASA has added additional time to complete close out activities ... prior to rolling the integrated rocket and spacecraft out for the first time," the agency said in a blog post

Such activities include testing of the flight termination system, which blows up the rocket in case it should malfunction and fly off course, creating a hazard.

NASA has been preparing the huge Space Launch System moon rocket for final tests, or a "wet dress rehearsal," at Kennedy Space Center. The 322-foot-tall SLS is the largest NASA rocket since the last Saturn V rocket rolled out to a

launch pad in 1972.9 The first lunar mission in decades will help NASA understand how the giant new rocket and the Orion capsule work in preparation for a crewed launch and eventual moon landing.

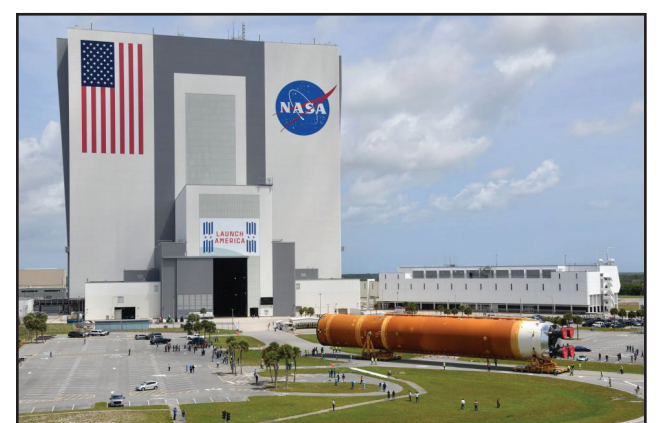
NASA's lunar plans include an Artemis II mission, now slated for 2024, that would carry four astronauts around the moon, and Artemis III in 2025, which would land Americans on the moon for the first time since Apollo.

NASA originally had hoped to launch the Artemis I mission years ago, and recently planned the mission for the end of 2021. But the agency dealt with numerous delays, including those caused by work interruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The upcoming dress rehearsal, which includes full fueling of the rocket, will mark the first time the SLS and Orion have been to a launch pad, a little over four miles from the Vehicle Assembly Building.



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# Washington's NFL team reveals new name -- the Commanders

By Doug Cunningham  
UPI

After years of controversy and about 19 months after a promise to change its name, Washington, D.C.'s NFL franchise announced Wednesday that it will now be known as the Washington Commanders.

The team revealed the name and a new logo for the change, but will keep its classic colors of burgundy and yellow.

"This new identity embodies the most powerful aspects of Washington's story by paying tribute to the team's rich history and championship culture, personified by mission-driven players who take command, forge success and break barriers on and off the field," the team said in a statement Wednesday.

The team's new primary logo is a stylized "W" that incorporates some military cues. Image courtesy Washington Commanders

"The result of an 18-month collaborative process with fans, alumni, players, community leaders and stakeholders across the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area, Commanders brings to life the commitment to service and leadership that defines [our] community."

The team officially dropped the Redskins name in July 2020 after decades of criticisms that said it was discriminatory and offensive toward Native Americans.

"This process allows the team to take into account not only the proud tradition and history of the franchise but also input from our alumni, the organization, spon-

sors, the National Football League and the local community it is proud to represent on and off the field," team owner Dan Snyder said at the time.

"As an organization, we are excited to rally and rise together as one under our new identity while paying homage to our local roots and what it means to represent the nation's capital," Snyder said in a statement on Wednesday.

The announcement also unveiled changes to the team's logo and wordmark. The primary logo is a stylized "W" that contains military style cues.

The team said it weighed tens of thousands of fan submissions and conducted a number of surveys and focus groups to settle on a new name.

The franchise invited the public to



The secondary logo for the team incorporates the stylized "W", the team name and other identifying information about the franchise. Image courtesy Washington Commanders

a party on Friday to celebrate the new Washington Commanders at the team's home stadium, FedEx Field in nearby Landover, Md.

# NFL's Denver Broncos officially put up for sale

By Connor Grott  
UPI

The NFL's Denver Broncos are officially listed on the market and likely will have the highest price tag

in North American sports history.

The sale of the team was announced Tuesday by the Pat Bowlen Trust, which has managed the organization since Bowlen -- who

died in 2019 -- stepped away from day-to-day operations of the club in 2014 due to the early onset of Alzheimer's disease. The Broncos are valued at just under \$4 billion.

"The Pat Bowlen Trust announced today the beginning of a sale process for the Denver Broncos," team CEO Joe Ellis said in a statement. "We have retained Steve Greenberg of Allen & Company as our financial advisor and Joe Leccese of Proskauer Rose LLP as our legal advisor for this transition of ownership."

"Selling an NFL team is a complex process involving numerous parties and league approval procedures. Nonetheless, the trustees hope to have the sale completed by the start of the 2022 NFL season."

Bowlen purchased the Broncos from former owner Edgar Kaiser Jr. in 1984. Since Bowlen's death, his



Former Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen (R), who died in 2019, purchased the NFL franchise in 1984. File Photo by Gary C. Caskey/UPI

Broncos belonged to the fans and that ultimately this was their team," the Bowlen family said in a statement. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for this incredible ride. It has been the honor of our lifetime."

"All of us know that the impact of 'Mr. B' will live on with the Broncos and in the hearts, minds and memories of the fans. We will always cheer for the Orange and Blue. Go Broncos!"

The last NFL franchise to be sold was the Carolina Panthers, who were purchased by David Tepper in 2018 for about \$2.28 billion.

Joseph Tsai, meanwhile, paid \$2.35 billion -- \$1 billion for a 49% stake in 2017 and an additional \$1.35 billion for the other 51% in 2019 -- for the NBA's Brooklyn Nets, the highest price paid for a North American sports team.

children have attempted to reach an agreement on a majority owner.

Ellis, one of three trustees overseeing the operations of the Broncos, repeatedly said over the past seven years that if Bowlen's children failed to

agree on a majority owner, the team likely would be sold. That agreement between the siblings never came about -- a lawsuit between the children was set to go to trial before it was dismissed in July.

"Pat used to say the

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# Buccaneers QB Tom Brady ends speculation, retires from NFL

By Alex Butler  
UPI

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady ended speculation about his NFL future with a retirement announcement Tuesday morning on social media, thanking fans, teammates, coaches and his family for their support.

Reports emerged last week about the expected decision, but Brady, his agent and team said that he had not yet made a final decision to end his decorated football tenure.

"I have always believed the sport of football is an 'all-in' proposition -- if a 100% competitive commitment isn't there, you won't succeed, and success is what I love so much about our game," Brady wrote on Instagram and Twitter.

"There is a physical, mental and emotional challenge every single day that has allowed me to maximize my highest potential. And I have tried my very best these past 22 years. There are no shortcuts to success on the field or in life."

"This is difficult for me to write, but here it goes: I am not going to make that competitive commitment anymore. I have loved my NFL career, and now it is time to focus my time and energy on other things that require my attention."

Brady, who spent his first 20 seasons with the New England Patriots, did not mention his former team, the city of Boston, Patriots owner Robert Kraft, or Patriots coach Bill Belichick in

his farewell message.

The 44-year-old quarterback led the NFL with 5,416 passing yards and 43 touchdowns this season for the Buccaneers. He holds career records for completions, attempts, passing yards, passing touchdowns, playoff games started, regular-season game appearances and Super Bowl titles.

The sixth-round pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Patriots retires as arguably the greatest player in NFL history.

"Tom arrived in Tampa Bay with an unprecedented level of expectations and delivered some of the most memorable moments in our franchise history," the Glazer family, who own the Buccaneers, said in a statement Tuesday morning. "His impact on our team and community was immediate and profound."

"Tom's remarkable NFL journey has come to an end, but we will continue to celebrate his legendary career as the greatest quarterback of all time and are appreciative and grateful for the time he spent as a Buccaneer. Saying goodbye to a legend is never easy, but we wish him continued success in retirement."

Brady, who joined the Buccaneers in 2020, was signed through the 2022 season. Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians said he wished Brady's tenure "didn't have to end" and expressed "appreciation and respect" for what the NFL legend did for the NFC South franchise.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell also thanked

Brady for his contributions to the league over his elite run.

"Tom Brady will be remembered as one of the greatest to ever play in the NFL," Goodell said in a statement. "An incredible competitor and leader, his stellar career is remarkable for its longevity, but also for the sustained excellence he displayed year after year."

"Tom made everyone around him better and always seemed to rise to the occasion in the biggest moments. His record five Super Bowl MVP awards and seven Super Bowl championships set a standard that players will chase for years."

"He inspired fans in New England, Tampa and around the world with one of the greatest careers in NFL history. It has been a privilege to watch him compete and have him in the NFL. We thank him for his many contributions to our game and wish Tom and his family all the best in the future."

The future Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee's Instagram post received more than 1.25 million "likes" 45 minutes after it was published. Several professional athletes and celebrities commented on the post.

"The Great one," Kansas City Chiefs safety Tyrann Mathieu wrote in one comment. "What a career man! Now onto bigger and better things! You'll forever be remembered as the standard! Loved going to battle against you! Enjoy the family and time off! It's been a long 22 years for you! Grateful to play against the best ever!"

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## 'Walking Dead,' 'Watchmen' actor Moses J. Moseley dead at 31

By Karen Butler  
UPI

Actor Moses J. Moseley has died in Georgia at the age of 31, his manager said.

Moseley was best known for his roles in The Walking Dead, Watchmen, Attack of the Southern Fried Zombies, Joyful Noise, The Hunger Games: Catching Fire, The Internship, Queen of the South, American Soul and Blood Scroll: Horror Stories.

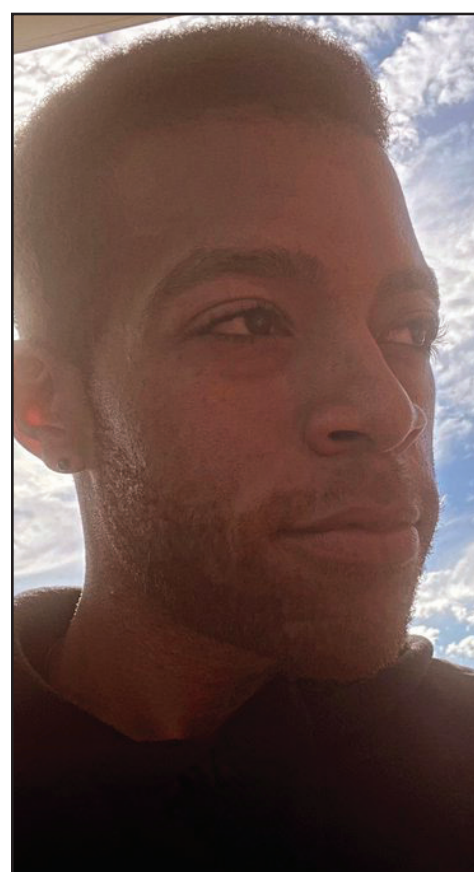
"He was loved by everyone who met him. Such a bright light in everyone's eyes," Moseley's manager said in a statement to People.com Monday.

"Moses was an amazing person and if you had the opportunity to meet him he would have made your day amazing. He was very talented, he was a great friend, the kind you could call for anything. He was always excited about life and working in the entertainment business."

TMZ reported Monday that the actor's death of a gunshot wound is being investigated as a suicide.

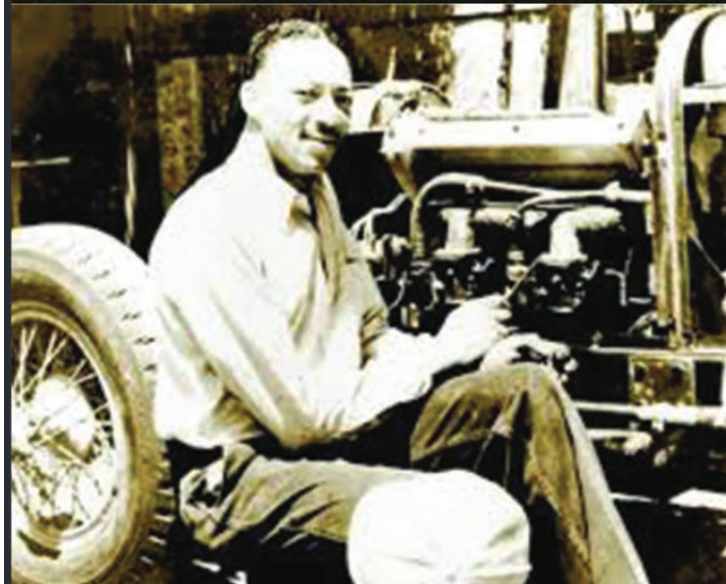
His body was discovered last week in the Hudson Bridge area of Stockbridge after his family reported him missing and contacted the car-tracking company OnStar because they hadn't heard from him in several days.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with our #TWDFamily member Moses J.



Contributed Photo by The Walking Dead on AMC/Twitter Moseley," The Walking Dead Twitter feed said Monday.

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## Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger, two-time Super Bowl champ, to retire

By Alex Butler  
UPI

Two-time Super Bowl champion Ben Roethlisberger will retire from the NFL, ending a decorated 18-year tenure, the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback announced Thursday on social media.

"The journey has been exhilarating, defined by relationships and fueled by a spirit of competition," Roethlisberger said in a video posted to his Twitter and Facebook accounts.

"Yet the time has come for me to clean out my locker, hang up my cleats and continue to be all I can be to my wife and children. I retire from football a truly grateful man."

Roethlisberger, 39, sat alongside his wife, Ashley, sons Benjamin and Bodie, and daughter

Baylee as he announced his departure from football.

Roethlisberger posted a 165-81-1 record in 249 regular-season games. He is the Steelers' franchise record holder for career passing yards and touchdowns.

"I don't know how to put into words what the game of football has meant to me and what a blessing it has been," Roethlisberger said. "While I know with confidence I have given my all to the game, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all it has given me."

"A boy from Findlay, Ohio, with NFL dreams, developed in Oxford [Ohio] at Miami University, blessed with the honor of 18 seasons as a Pittsburgh Steeler and a place to call home."

Roethlisberger attended Findlay High School and starred for three seasons at Miami University.

The Steelers selected him with the No. 11 overall pick in the 2004 NFL Draft. The 2004 Offensive Rookie of the Year went 13-3 in his first season. He led the team to Super Bowl titles in 2006 and 2009.

He led the Steelers to a 9-7 record in 2021. Roethlisberger completed 64.5% of his throws for 3,740 yards, 22 touchdowns and 10 interceptions in 16 appearances this season. The six-time Pro Bowl selection ranks fifth all-time with 64,088 passing yards. His 418 passing touchdowns rank eight in NFL history.




Roethlisberger was sacked an NFL-record 554 times over his 18-year career.

Mason Rudolph is the only quarterback under contract with the Steelers through the 2022 season.



Former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who announced his retirement Thursday, is the franchise's all-time leader in passing yards and touchdowns. File Photo by Kevin Dietsch/UPI

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## ABC suspends Whoopi Goldberg for two weeks over Holocaust comments

By Annie Martin & Daniel Uria  
UPI

ABC News suspended The View host Whoopi Goldberg for two weeks Tuesday after saying that the Holocaust was not about race during Monday's show.

Kim Godwin, president of ABC News, said that Goldberg's comments were "wrong and hurtful," in a statement announcing the suspension.

"While Whoopi has apologized, I've asked her to take time to reflect and learn about the impact of her comments," Godwin said. "The entire ABC News organization stand in solidarity with our Jewish colleagues, friends, family and communities."

The 66-year-old actress and television personality apologized Monday and also addressed her remarks on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

During Monday's episode of The View, Goldberg and her co-hosts were discussing the recent banning of Maus, a graphic novel about the Holocaust, by a school board in Tennessee when Goldberg said the Holocaust "isn't about race."

"It's about man's inhumanity to man," she added. "These are two white groups

of people."

Her co-host Joy Behar disagreed, saying, "Well, they considered Jews a different race."

Goldberg later apologized in a statement on Twitter.

"On today's show, I said the Holocaust is not about race, but about man's inhumanity to man. I should have said it is about both. As Jonathan Greenblatt from the Anti-Defamation League shared, 'The Holocaust was about the Nazi's systematic annihilation of the Jewish people -- who they deemed to be an inferior race. I stand corrected,'" Goldberg wrote.

"The Jewish people around the world have always had my support and that will never waiver. I'm sorry for the hurt I have caused," she said, adding her "sincerest apologies."

On The Late Show, Goldberg explained that she approached the idea of race differently as a Black woman.

"I feel, being Black, when we talk about race it's a very different thing to me," Goldberg said. "As a Black person, I think of race as something people can see. So I see you and what race you are."

"People were very angry and they said,



Whoopi Goldberg appeared on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" after saying the Holocaust was "not about race." File Photo by John Angelillo/UPI

'No, no, we are a race,' and I understand," she added. "I respect everything everyone is saying to me and I don't want to fake apologize. I'm very upset that people misunderstood what I was saying."

Goldberg said people are now calling

her anti-Semitic and a Holocaust denier.

"I'm incredibly torn up by being told these things about myself. I get it, I accept that. And I did it to myself. This was my thought process, and I will work hard not to think that way again," she said.

## Soccer: Barcelona signs ex-Arsenal striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang

By Alex Butler  
UPI

Star striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang terminated his contract with Arsenal and signed with Barcelona, the Spanish La Liga club announced Wednesday.

Barcelona said Aubameyang will sign a contract that runs through June 30, 2025, with an option to agree departure on June 30, 2023. The pact will feature a buyout clause of more than \$113 million.

The 32-year-old striker was born in France, but plays for the Gabon national team. His is also a citizen of Spain.

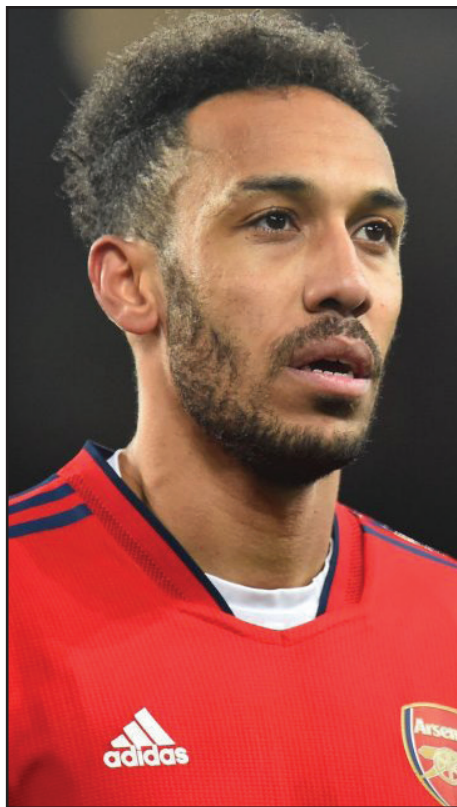
Aubameyang made his senior team debut in 2008-09 at French second division club Dijon, while on loan from Italy's AC Milan. He went on to play at Lille, AS Monaco and Saint Etienne. He joined Germany's Borussia Dortmund in 2013.

Aubameyang scored 141 goals in four and a half seasons with the German club. He left for Arsenal in 2018. He led England's Premier League with 22 goals in 2019. He scored 92 goals in 163 appearances over four seasons with the Gunners.

He totaled 30 goals in 72 international appearances for Gabon.

"We wish Auba all the best for the next chapter in his career and thank him for his contribution to the club," Arsenal said in a news release.

Barcelona hosts Atletico Madrid in



Forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang signed a contract with Barcelona on Wednesday, which runs through June 30, 2025, and features an option to agree departure on June 30, 2023. Photo by Peter Powell

La Liga play at 10:15 a.m. EST Sunday at Camp Nou in Barcelona.

## U.S. men's soccer great Jozy Altidore marries tennis' Sloane Stephens

By Alex Butler  
UPI

Jozy Altidore, one of the leading scorers in the history of the U.S. men's soccer team, and tennis star Sloane Stephens got married over the holiday weekend in Miami, the newlyweds announced on social media.

Altidore and Stephens each posted about their wedding Tuesday on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. They got married Saturday at St. Regis Bal Harbour in Bal Harbour, just north of Miami Beach. They announced their engagement in April 2019.

"1-1-22," they each wrote for the caption of their matching posts, which featured an infinity emoji and a photo of the newlyweds walking down the aisle.

Several tennis stars congratulated the couple with comments on the post, including Coco Gauff, Jennifer Brady, Madison Keys and Karolina Pliskova.

Stephens and Altidore met when they attended Boca Prep International School. Stephens moved away, but the two reconnected in 2016 in Carson, Calif.

"Sloane was there training for Fed Cup in Hawaii," Altidore told Vogue. "Sloane turned the corner while having a loud conversation on FaceTime. We locked eyes and started talking during the scrum. We exchanged contacts and went to dinner after my game versus Iceland. The rest

was history."

Stephens told People that guests at the wedding were required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and self-test at home before they arrived. The tennis star lost her grandparents within the same week in 2019, as well as an aunt, of complications from COVID-19.

Stephens said the couple postponed the wedding because they dealt with "all of the variables out of our control."

"I empathize with all the COVID couples out there who have had to make the tough calls and be flexible with the ever-changing pandemic," she told People.

Stephens, 28, is the No. 65 player in the WTA rankings. The 2017 U.S. Open champion advanced to the fourth round of the 2021 French Open. She lost in the third round of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year.

Altidore, 32, scored four goals in 16 matches in 2021 for Toronto FC of MLS. He joined the team in 2015. Altidore's 42 goals in 115 international appearances for the Americans ranks third in the history of the men's team, behind Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan, who each scored 57.

His last international appearance came in a 1-0 loss to Mexico at the Gold Cup in 2019.

Stephens is expected to compete in the 2022 Australian Open. The first Grand Slam tournament on the annual tennis calendar is from Jan. 17 to 30 in Melbourne.



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