



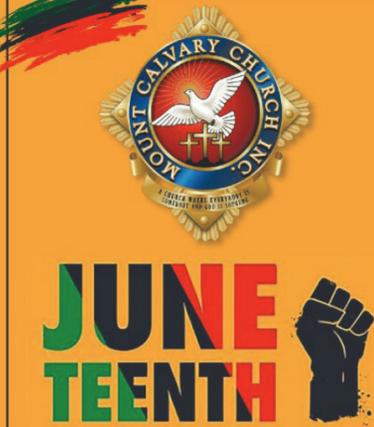
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Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo signs law protecting out-of-state abortion patients



Nevada's Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo and State Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro pose after signing a bill protecting those traveling to the state for an abortion. Photo courtesy of Nicole Cannizzaro Office

By Clyde Hughes UPI

Nevada's Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo signed a new law on Tuesday that protects those traveling to the state to seek abortions from prosecution in Nevada regardless of what the law is in other states.

The law cements a previous executive order by Gov. Steve Sisolak, a Democrat after the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade assuring abortion rights last year.

Lombardo's move bucked the trend from other states led by GOP governors that have restricted abortions and sought to punish those who help women who are seeking abortions.

"Governor Lombardo made a campaign commitment to sign a law ensuring that Nevada would not participate in prosecuting those seeking legal medical care in the state," Elizabeth Ray, a spokeswoman for Lombardo, told The Nevada Independent.

Under the law, Nevada can't aid the arrest or extradition of people charged in another state for seeking abortion or other forms of reproductive care that are legal in Nevada.

Occupational boards also can't discipline or disqualify medical providers who have provided abortions or other reproductive care.

Nevada law allows abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for later action if the life of the mother is in jeopardy.

Nevada's governor and legislature cannot move to restrict the abortion protections, which can only be undone by a direct majority of Nevada voters.

Nevada State Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro, a Democrat who sponsored the bill,

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Texas lawmakers on Monday agreed that the impeachment trial for Attorney General Ken Paxton will begin no later than Aug. 28. File Photo by Tasos Katopodis/UPI

Texas' impeachment trial of AG Ken Paxton to start by Aug. 28

By Patrick Svitek Renzo Downey, The Texas Tribune

The Texas Senate agreed Monday to start its trial of impeached Attorney General Ken Paxton no later than Aug. 28, shortly after the House named 12 members to prosecute the case.

The flurry of activity came on the last day of the regular legislative session and two days after it voted overwhelmingly to impeach Paxton, alleging a yearslong pattern of misconduct and wrongdoing. Paxton has blasted the impeachment as a "politically motivated sham" and expressed hope the Senate will swiftly clear his name.

On Monday evening, the Senate unanimously adopted a resolution that laid out an initial timeline for the next steps. The Senate appointed a seven-member committee that will prepare recommendations on the rules of procedure for the trial and then present

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Nevada lawmakers introduce bill to fund new stadium

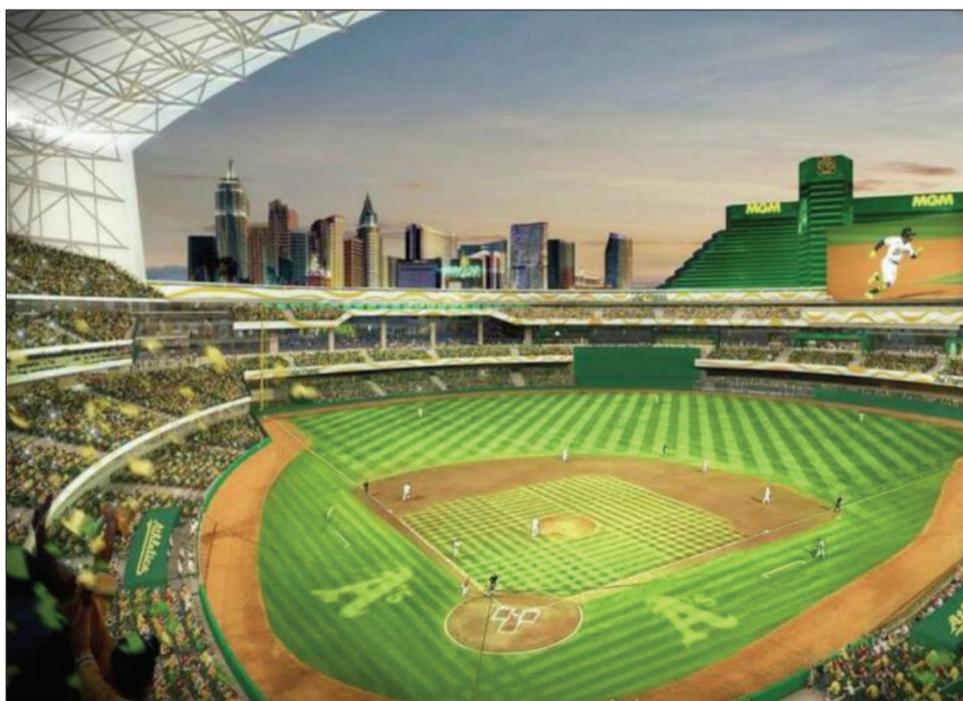
By Matt Bernardini
UPI

Nevada state lawmakers have introduced legislation to fund a portion of the potential new MLB stadium for the Oakland Athletics.

The bill, which was introduced on Friday, includes \$380 million of public funding for the A's proposed \$1.5 billion stadium. Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo has already announced a 30,000-seat, publicly-owned ballpark in Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas Review Journal reported that stadium is set to be situated on 9 acres of land on the southeast corner of the 35-acre Tropicana Las Vegas site.

"From the minute we stepped onto the Tropicana site nearly two years ago, it was immediately obvious what a fantastic fit it would be for a new A's ballpark in Las Vegas," Brad Schrock, the A's director of design and owner of Schrock KC Architecture, said in a statement. As part of the legislation, Nevada



Nevada state lawmakers introduced a bill on Friday to fund the Oakland Athletics proposed stadium in Las Vegas. Photo by Oakland Athletics

da would contribute \$180 million in transferable tax credits, with half of that amount being repaid by tax revenue from the stadium.

Clark County, where Las Vegas is located, would fund \$145 million of the project. Of that total, \$120 million would be generated by a special tax district encompassing the stadium.

The stadium site would also be exempt from property taxes for 30 years.

Major League Baseball still has to approve the move but Commissioner Rob Manfred has already said the league would waive any relocation fee if the A's finalized a stadium plan in Las Vegas.

"We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Nevada governor, legislative leaders, Clark County commissioners and the Southern Nevada communities as we move forward with plans on our new home," said A's President Dave Kaval, according to the Las Vegas Review Journal.

Spain becomes 25th nation to sign NASA's Artemis Accords

By Darryl Coote
UPI

Spain on Tuesday became the 25th nation to sign NASA's Artemis Accords, a set of principles that guide space exploration among nations that join the U.S. agency's ambitious plan to return man to the moon.

Spain's minister of science and innovation Diana Morant signed the agreement during a ceremony at Madrid's Moncloa Palace with Spanish President Pedro Sanchez and NASA Administrator Bill Nelson in attendance, among other dignitaries.

"As the newest member of the Artemis Accords family, Spain will safeguard our shared ideals by helping ensure that humanity's rapid expansion into space is done peacefully, safely and

transparently," Nelson said in a statement marking the agreement.

¡A la Luna y más allá! I was honored to join President Sánchez, Science and Innovation Minister Morant, and U.S. Ambassador Reynoso today in Madrid as Spain became the 25th nation to sign the Artemis Accords.

The non-binding accords, which establishes principles for the peaceful exploration of space for the benefit of all humanity, was created in 2020 with eight founding members as part of NASA's Artemis program that seeks to send the first woman and the next man to the lunar surface in 2024.

Accord signatories are to play key roles in achieving "a sustainable and robust presence" on the Moon within the decade amid

preparations for a Mars mission.

Sanchez's office said in a statement that the agreement is of "great relevance" to the president as it highlights the relationships between the United States and Spain and ensures that the rapid expansion of humanity into space is done safely, while being a growth generator.

"Space is an example of international collaboration and a priority for our country's vision," Sanchez said.

"We are witnessing a commitment by the government of Spain to a key sector that generates opportunities and high-quality employment, which is a priority and strategic area, essential to help and protect our society."

The signing of the agreement follows Sanchez's trip



to Washington, D.C., earlier this month, during which he and President Joe Biden discussed the strengthening of scientific cooperation between their two nations.

A White House readout

of the meeting states that the world leaders pledged to deepen cooperation in science and technology, including through the Artemis Accords.

The signing of the agree-

ment comes weeks after the Czech Republic joined the accords on May 3 and as additional countries are expected to become signatories in the coming months.

In first campaign stop in Iowa, Ron DeSantis leans on far-right record as governor

By Joe Fisher
UPI

Florida governor and Republican presidential candidate Ron DeSantis touched down in central Iowa Tuesday for a rally at the ultra-conservative megachurch Eternity Church in Clive.

There, the Florida governor took aim at bureaucrats and "elites," while touting his state as a framework for his vision for America. He likened many of the policies he has supported to those that have passed in Iowa, including bans on diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education, as well as discussions of gender and race in schools.

"It very well may be that Florida is the Iowa of the southeast," DeSantis remarked to cheers. "I wish the elites in Washington, D.C.,



would take a page out of Iowa's playbook instead of continuing to plunge our country into the abyss."

Tuesday's event in the Des Moines metro area was the first of several stops DeSantis will make in Iowa as part of his "Our Great

American Comeback" tour. It is being followed by short stops in Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Pella and Cedar Rapids, all on Wednesday.

Eternity Church Pastor Jesse Newman, during a church service on Sunday, said no other political

candidate had ever asked to use the church to hold an event. If others would ask, he said he would never let anyone use the church "to promote ungodliness." He explained that he meant his church would not be used to "promote abortion -- the mutilation of children -- the perversion of marriage."

"Pray for my family and our leadership because some people are going to hate us for that. Like a lot of people are going to hate us," Newman said of allowing DeSantis to use the church.

Newman was among those who prefaced DeSantis' speech. Newman led the church in a prayer for the Florida governor, asking God for unity in the GOP, protection for DeSantis against the "onslaught" from his enemies and to fight back against the "idea that morals and

virtues are progressive."

DeSantis voiced skepticism about the proposed debt ceiling agreement reached by President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif. DeSantis claimed the nation will continue "careening towards bankruptcy" with or without the deal.

He also vowed to be tough on security at the southern border,

Some of the loudest cheers for the candidate came when he discussed laws he has signed relating to schools and children. Among those is a ban on gender-affirming care for minors, a bathroom ban and the so-called "Don't Say Gay" law. DeSantis predicted that parents' ability to make decisions about school curriculum will be a central issue in the 2024 election.

Knicks, GM Scott Perry to part ways after 2 playoff appearances in 3 years

By Alex Butler
UPI

General manager Scott Perry and the New York Knicks will part ways this off-season, despite the franchise's two playoff appearances over the last three years.

Sources told Newsday, SNY and ESPN on Tuesday night that the Knicks would not extend Perry's expiring contract. Perry was hired for the role in 2017.

The Knicks went 47-35 in 2022-23, earning their most wins in a season since

2012. This year's campaign also marked just the second time the Knicks won at least 43 games in a season since 2000-01.

The 2022-23 Knicks also beat the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first round of the playoffs to earn their first postseason series victory since 2012. They went on to lose to the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Knicks went 41-31 in 2020-21 en route to another playoff berth. They lost to the Atlanta Hawks in the first round that

postseason. The Knicks went 37-45 and missed the playoffs in 2021-22.

Perry and the Knicks hired current coach Tom Thibodeau in 2020. He owns a 125-111 over three seasons. Jeff Hornacek and David Fizdale also served as full-time head coaches under Perry.

Perry, 59, previously coached at the University of Detroit Mercy and Eastern Kentucky. He also worked as an assistant at Michigan. Perry later worked as a front office executive for the Detroit Pistons. He served as the assistant general manager of the Seattle SuperSonics in 2007.

He returned to the Pistons in 2008 to become their vice president of basketball operations. Perry became Orlando Magic assistant general manager in 2012. He became Sacramento Kings vice president of basketball operations in April of 2017. He became Knicks general manager just three months later.



Knicks forward Julius Randle and guard Jalen Brunson are under contract through 2024-25, with player options in 2025. Guard R.J. Barrett is signed through 2026-27.

Forward Josh Hart is expected to opt out of a player option and become a free agent this off-season. The Knicks exercised a team option on guard Immanuel Quickley for next season.

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National EMS Week May 21-27, 2023: Where Emergency Care Begins

By Pitt County Public Information Office

PITT COUNTY, N.C. – National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is Sunday, May 21 through Saturday, May 27, 2023. The Board of County Commissioners celebrated and recognized Pitt County EMS professionals at the Monday, May 15 meeting. This year's national theme is EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. In 2022, Pitt County EMS units responded to over 15,000 calls for service. 57% of EMS call volume resulted in EMS treatment or transportation to the Emergency Department.

The EMS Division of Pitt County Emergency Management (PEM) has served residents of Pitt County since 2002. Pitt County EMS directly operates four ambulance stations and two Quick

Response Vehicles (QRV). "The Pitt County EMS system is comprised of multiple agencies that span from 911 operators and first responders to Paramedics and EMT's. EMS Week is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of all of the men and women who serve their communities in these positions. EMS professionals excel in austere environments and perform multiple roles within the healthcare and emergency response systems," says Jim McArthur, Deputy Director/EMS Coordinator.

Pitt County EMS has 30 full time and 8 part time paramedics as well as four senior paramedics who serve as assistant supervisors. There are four shift supervisors that directly supervise Pitt County EMS employees and oversee daily operations of the entire EMS system.

Pitt County EMS has an award-winning Community Paramedic Program designed to expand EMS services by providing in-



Janis Gallagher, Jim McArthur, Randy Gentry, Mary Perkins-Williams. Photo courtesy of Public Information Office

home healthcare to underserved Pitt County residents who lack access to medical care. The program provides healthcare to citizens of Pitt County at a reduced cost and decreases non-emergency 911 calls.

"I am very proud of our EMS professionals for their excellent service to our community. Join me in recognizing them for a job well done," says Randy Gentry, Director, Pitt County Emergency Management.

The Pitt County Website, Pitt County Facebook page, and the PCEM Facebook page, will feature special graphics and daily posts honoring National EMS Week.

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ty Government is to enhance the health, safety, and well-being of our community by advocating for and providing quality services in a friendly and cost-effective manner. Learn more: www.PittCountyNC.gov

Congressman Davis and Congressional Black Caucus Members' Statement on the Nomination of General Charles Q. Brown to be Next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Congressman Don Davis (NC-01) and Chair Steven Horsford (NV-04), joined by Members of the Congressional Black Caucus on the House Armed Services Committee, Marilyn Strickland (WA-10), Terri Sewell (AL-07), Jennifer McClellan (VA-04), and Marc Veasey (TX-33), issued the following statement:

"President Biden's nomination of General Charles Q. Brown to serve as the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is historic. It provides hope for all those serving and young people across America. He is an exceptional leader, a dedicated servicemember, and an American hero.

"General Brown is a decorated pilot and experienced commander whose career is full of groundbreaking achievements — commanding over 3,000 flying hours, including 130 combat hours, and commanded the Pacific Air Forces for the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. In addition, General Brown is the first Black person to lead any U.S. military branch as the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. General Brown's leadership, expertise, and experience allowed him to play a vital role in carrying out the vision of the Air Force, and we have complete faith and confidence that he will do the same for our military overall. General Brown's historic appointment, alongside that of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, would mark the first time two African Americans held the top two jobs in the Department of Defense.

"As Members of the Congressional Black Caucus who sit on the House Armed Services Committee, we strongly support President Biden's nomination of General Brown and urge our colleagues in the Senate to confirm him swiftly.

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OPINION

A Symptom of Urban Crime's Toll on College Students

ChatGPT-powered Wall Street offers benefits and perils

By Pawan Jain
West Virginia University

Artificial Intelligence-powered tools, such as ChatGPT, have the potential to revolutionize the efficiency, effectiveness and speed of the work humans do.

And this is true in financial markets as much as in sectors like healthcare, manufacturing and pretty much every other aspect of our lives.

I've been researching financial markets and algorithmic trading for 14 years. While AI offers lots of benefits, the growing use of these technologies in financial markets also points to potential perils. A look at Wall Street's past efforts to speed up trading by embracing computers and AI offers important lessons on the implications of using them for decision-making.

Black Monday

In the early 1980s, fueled by advancements in technology and financial innovations such as derivatives, institutional investors began using computer programs to execute trades based on predefined rules and algorithms. This helped them complete large trades quickly and efficiently.

Back then, these algorithms were relatively simple and were primarily used for so-called index arbitrage, which involves trying to profit from discrepancies between the price of a stock index -- like the S&P 500 -- and that of the stocks it's composed of.

As technology advanced and more data became available, this kind of program trading became increasingly sophisticated, with algorithms able to analyze complex market data and execute trades based on a wide range of factors. These program traders continued to grow in number on the largely unregulated trading freeways -- on which over a trillion dollars worth of assets change hands every day -- causing market volatility to increase dramatically.

Eventually this resulted in the massive stock market crash in 1987 known as Black Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered what was at the time the biggest percentage drop in its history, and the pain spread throughout the globe.

In response, regulatory authorities implemented a number of measures to restrict the use of program trading, including circuit breakers that halt trading when there are significant market swings and other limits. But despite these measures, program trading continued to grow in popularity in the years following the crash.

Program trading on steroids

Fast forward 15 years, to 2002, when the New York Stock Exchange introduced a fully automated trading system. As a result, program traders gave way to more sophisticated automations with much more advanced technology: High-frequency trading.

HFT uses computer programs to analyze market data and execute trades at extremely high speeds. Unlike program traders that bought and sold baskets of securities over time to take advantage of an arbitrage opportunity -- a difference in price of similar securities that can be exploited for profit -- high-frequency traders use powerful computers and high-speed networks to analyze market data and execute trades at lightning-fast speeds.

High-frequency traders can conduct trades in about one 64-millionth of a second, compared with the several seconds it took traders in the 1980s.

These trades are typically very short term in nature and may involve buying and selling the same security multiple times in a matter of nanoseconds. AI algorithms analyze large amounts of data in real time and identify patterns and trends that are not immediately apparent to human traders. This helps traders make better decisions and execute trades at a faster pace than would be possible manually.

In recent years, there has been a surge in violent crime in our nation's capital, and unfortunately, our college students have not been spared. This issue has become symptomatic of a larger problem that plagues urban cities across the nation, where college students are being robbed and carjacked, all at gunpoint. As these young adults work to educate themselves and become productive citizens, they are faced with a harrowing reality: Crime can find them even in the hallowed halls of academia. Washington, D.C., the city that represents our nation's values and aspirations, has become a chilling example of the challenges these students face.

As parents send their children off to college, they envision a sanctuary of learning, growth and self-discovery. They do not expect their sons and daughters to be held at gunpoint while walking to class or to the library. Yet, that is the disheartening truth for far too many students in urban environments. Washington, D.C., home to several prestigious universities, has seen an alarming uptick in violent crime targeting college students.

In neighborhoods adjacent to some of our most esteemed institutions, such as Howard University, Georgetown University and American University, students are faced with a constant barrage of news stories about classmates being robbed, assault-

ed or even killed. This unrelenting assault on their sense of security and well-being has forced these young adults to adapt to a new reality -- one where they are always on high alert, not just in their quest for knowledge but also for their personal safety.

The reasons for this surge in violent crime are multifaceted, ranging from poverty to drug addiction to the breakdown of the family structure. As a nation, we must confront these issues head-on to help create a safer environment for our students, and ultimately, for all of our citizens.

We cannot continue to ignore the impact of poverty on crime rates. For generations, the lack of resources and opportunities in underserved urban communities has led to a sense of despair and hopelessness. This desperation can drive young people to make regrettable choices, including resorting to crime as a means of survival. By investing in education, job training and community development initiatives, we can provide a pathway out of poverty and give these individuals a reason to believe in a brighter future.

Another contributing factor to the high crime rates in our urban centers is drug ad-

diction. The scourge of drugs, particularly opioids, has ravaged communities across the country. This epidemic has torn families apart and created a breeding ground for crime. A comprehensive approach to addressing the opioid crisis, including accessible addiction treatment services and support for those in recovery, is essential in our fight against urban crime.

In many of these communities, the breakdown of the family structure has been a significant contributor to the rise in crime. With an increase in single-parent households and the absence of positive role models, young people are often left to navigate the challenges of life without proper guidance. This void in their lives can make them susceptible to the influences of gang culture and criminal activity. By promoting strong families and providing mentorship programs, we can help our youth resist these dangerous temptations.

While we work to address these complex issues, we must also recognize the importance of supporting our law enforcement agencies. The men and women in blue risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe, and they need the proper resources and support to do their jobs effectively. The current trend of demonizing the police and advocating for defunding their budgets is counterproductive and

detrimental to the safety of our college students and urban communities.

We need leaders who not only understand the gravity of the situation but are also willing to take bold and decisive actions to protect our most vulnerable citizens. This is not a time for complacency or empty promises. We need representatives who prioritize public safety above all else and are committed to allocating the necessary resources to combat crime effectively.

One crucial aspect of this is increasing police presence in high-risk areas. We cannot ignore the fact that a visible and proactive law enforcement presence is vital in deterring criminals and ensuring the safety of our communities. By supporting initiatives that bolster police presence and provide them with the tools they need, we send a strong message to criminals that their actions will not go unpunished.

We cannot stop at simply electing officials who promise change. We must hold them accountable for their actions. Transparency, effectiveness and proactive policing are nonnegotiable. Our elected officials must be transparent in their decision-making processes, ensuring that the public is well informed and involved. We need them to implement strategies that have been proven to work, continuously evaluate their effectiveness and make adjustments as needed.



ARMSTRONG WILLIAMS

NATO must tread carefully in Southeast Asia, as memories of colonialism linger

By Shaun Narine
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NATO's incursion into the Indo-Pacific region is a move that will exacerbate regional conflicts and tensions. That's because NATO cannot be separated from the history of European colonialism and imperialism that shaped modern Asia -- and plays a major role in Chinese nationalism today.

In 2022, NATO declared that China was a "challenge" to the alliance's "interests, security and values." Recently, NATO has argued that possible Chinese assistance to Russia in its war against Ukraine makes China a military threat to Europe.

NATO is opening a liaison office in Japan and is partners with Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea. This may be a first step to deeper European involvement in Asia's security architecture.

Japan argues that the war in Ukraine has destabilized the world and has invited NATO into the Indo-Pacific to deter China. However, NATO is widely distrusted in the non-Western world.

American puppet?

Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has acted as an extension of American power. NATO's bombing of Kosovo and Serbia in 1999 violated the United Nations Charter. NATO's intervention in Afghanistan was authorized by the Unit-

ed Nations, but it assisted the illegal and devastating U.S. invasion of Iraq by freeing American military resources.

The U.N. Security Council also gave the green light to NATO's intervention in Libya, but NATO states violated the terms of that resolution to pursue their own political and economic objectives in the North African country. The result was the destruction of Libya and the spread of instability across North Africa. There are no states in Africa that would call NATO "a defensive alliance."

Very few countries support Russia's invasion of Ukraine. However, the non-Western world -- including most of Southeast Asia -- generally accepts Russia's claim that it invaded Ukraine to protect itself against the expansion of NATO. To much of the world, the reality of Western militarism makes Russia's arguments entirely plausible.

Regional prosperity

Most Southeast Asian states have set aside their historical grievances with the West. They are committed to an international system that -- somewhat accidentally -- has served them well.

Regional states are concerned about the rise of China and its acts of intimidation. Yet China is the No. 1 trading partner of most Asian states. Regional prosperity

depends on China's success.

Asians are cautious about Western provocations over issues like Taiwan. Asians want the United States present to balance China's power, but that doesn't mean they want a European military alliance operating in their region.

In particular, states that are part of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations want to manage regional security without outside interference.

Southeast Asians' perception of a predatory international system is based on their experiences with European colonialism. Their focus on protecting state sovereignty is directly linked to this history. Their stated preference is to build economic and diplomatic connections to manage regional conflict.

China has also prospered under the existing system and has a stake in its continuation. But it's considered a threat because it will not be subservient to Western power, especially American.

Consequently, it's been encircled by more than 300 American military bases and subjected to intense U.S. economic and technological sanctions.

Century of humiliation

Chinese nationalism has been stoked by what's known as the "century of humiliation" from 1839 to 1949, when European powers, the United States and

Japan took part in seizing Chinese territory, imposing unequal treaties and brutalizing the Chinese people.

NATO is a European military alliance that is establishing a strong working relationship with Japan. This plays directly into China's concerns that the same powers that humiliated it in the past are lining up for a second attempt.

Asian states that find the Russian explanation for the war in Ukraine plausible will clearly be concerned that NATO's move into the region is duplicating the same hostile dynamic of backing an adversary into a corner.

For the past several centuries, world politics have been defined by Western colonialism and violence. That era never really ended.

After the Second World War, Europe passed the torch of global Western imperialism to the United States. Since the end of the Cold War, the United States -- often assisted by NATO states -- has frequently engaged in illegal violence around the world, most notably with its invasion of Iraq.

Therefore, it's not surprising NATO claims that it's merely a "defensive alliance" are viewed skeptically in the non-Western world. What is surprising is that Western powers seemingly cannot understand why their insistence that they represent a "rules-based international order" fails to resonate with much of the globe.



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House committee advances debt ceiling deal for final vote Wednesday

By Matt Bernardini & Sheri Walsh
UPI



The House Rules Committee has voted 7-6 to advance the debt ceiling deal, brokered by President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, to the House floor for a final vote Wednesday before it goes to the Senate.

Tuesday's committee vote comes after Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., announced his intent to vote for the rule that governs the bill's debate.

Massie's vote ultimately quashed conservative opposition to the bill by helping Republicans lock down a simple majority of at least seven of the panel's votes despite efforts to kill the measure in committee.

"I want to see the rule, but I anticipate voting for this rule," Massie said earlier Tuesday. "And when people want to express their ideology, the floor of the House on the actual final passage of the bill is the place to do that."

"What do the 13 of us

owe the rest of Congress? We owe them an honest shake and a playing field that doesn't change," Massie added.

The 13-member committee, which controls how, when and whether a measure will be handled by the House, advanced the debt limit deal after voting Tuesday evening. The deal now moves to the full House, which will debate and make a final vote on the legislation on Wednesday.

Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky. (L), who voted Tuesday to advance the debt limit deal to a full House vote, and Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., who voted against advancing the bill, take notes during a House Rules Committee hearing on the Fiscal Responsibility Act to increase the federal debt limit. Photo by Bonnie Cash/UPI

Massie's support for the bill was enough to block an effort by some conservatives, including Republican Reps. Chip Roy of Texas and Ralph Norman of North Carolina who both voted against the measure, to stop the bill in committee.

On Saturday it was reported that both sides had finally reached a deal, just days before the United States was expected to default for

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celebrated the announcement on social media Tuesday.

"Today, SB 131 was signed by Governor Lombardo," she said on Twitter. "I want to thank him for fol-

lowing through on his commitment to ensuring that Nevada won't participate in prosecutions of women who come here to exercise their reproductive rights."

Abortion supporters had urged Lombardo to sign the legislation.

"Protections for our abortion providers and

the patients who come to our state seeking care are a vitally important step in acknowledging the present national abortion access landscape and Nevada's role as a safe haven state," said Lindsey Harmon, executive director of Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada, before the signing.



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them to the full Senate on June 20. And then Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick can pick a date "not later than" Aug. 28 on which the chamber will convene as a court of impeachment.

A two-thirds vote is required in the Senate to remove Paxton from office.

Earlier Monday, the House announced a Republican-majority board of managers to handle the prosecution, made up of seven Republicans and five Democrats. The group immediately left the House chamber to deliver the 20 articles of impeachment to the Senate.

"We will manage this process with the weight and reference that it deserves and requires," state Rep. Andrew Murr, a Junction Republican and chair of the board of impeachment managers, said Monday at a news conference. "This is about facts and the evidence. It is not about politics."

Joining Murr in leading the board of managers is Rep. Ann Johnson, D-Houston, the vice chair. Murr and Johnson are also the chair and vice chair of the House General Investigating Committee, which investigated Paxton and recommended his impeachment.

The other 10 managers are Reps. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth; Joe Moody, D-El Paso; Terry Canales, D-Edinburg; Jeff Leach, R-Plano; Oscar Longoria, D-Mission; Morgan Meyer, R-University Park; Briscoe Cain, R-Deer Park; Cody Vasut, R-Angleton; David Spiller, R-Jacksboro; and Erin Gámez, D-Brownsville.

As for the Senate panel that will make recommendations on rules of procedure, it will be chaired by Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury. Its vice chair is Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen. The other five members are Sens. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe; Pete Flores, R-Pleasanton; Joan Huffman, R-Houston; Phil King, R-Weatherford; and Royce West, D-Dallas.

During his news conference, Murr said the trial will feature witnesses testifying under oath who will be subject to questioning from the House managers and Paxton's defense team.

"We understand it is a very deliberative process and will be handled in a thoughtful way to ensure that all parties are prepared for trial," Murr said.

The managers were named after the House adopted a resolution creating the board by a vote of 136-4.

In introducing the resolution, Murr said it was "similar" to the one used in 1975 after the impeachment of a state district judge, O.P. Carrillo. The resolution, Murr said, "authorizes the employment of a board of managers so they can proceed with the presentation of the trial in the Senate."

The vote to impeach Paxton on Saturday was overwhelming and bipartisan, with 121 of 149 members supporting impeachment. Almost as many Republicans as Democrats voted to impeach Paxton.

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, was among those who voted to impeach Paxton. He briefly addressed the impeachment earlier Monday, saying from the dais that the impeachment was "necessary" and "just."

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the first time in its history. “Republicans are poised to deliver big, consequential change in Washington,” House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said on Twitter as the news broke.

“Soon, we will vote for a responsible debt limit agreement that stops Democrats’ reckless spend-

ing, claws back unspent COVID funds, blocks Biden’s new tax schemes, & much, much more.”

House Republicans repeatedly have insisted on spending cuts to social programs, yet some like Norman believe the bill does not go far enough.

“I don’t know what else they could offer,” Norman told Politico, referring to potential amendments.

Donald Trump says he would end birthright citizenship on first day in office

By Matt Bernardini
UPI

Former President Donald Trump said Tuesday that, should he be re-elected to the White House in 2024, he would remove birthright citizenship on his first day in office.

The announcement comes on the 125th anniversary of the the Supreme Court case that established the constitutional right to birthright citizenship.

“As part of my plan to secure the border, on Day One of my new term in office, I will sign an executive order making clear to federal agencies that under the correct interpretation of the law, going forward, the future children of illegal aliens will not receive automatic U.S. citizenship,” Trump said in a statement.

He previously floated the idea in 2018 when he was president.

“It was always told to me that you needed a constitutional amendment. Guess what? You don’t,” Trump told Axios. “You can definitely do it with



an act of Congress. But now they’re saying I can do it just with an executive order.”

According to The Hill, most legal experts agree that Trump does not have the authority to do so, because the 14 Amendment grants citizen-

ship to those “born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof.”

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Biden nominates Gen. Smith to lead Marines

By Clyde Hughes
UPI



President Joe Biden has nominated Gen. Eric Smith, currently the No. 2 commanding officer in the Marine Corps, to lead the military branch, according

to information received by the Senate on Tuesday.

A veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and global terrorism, Smith’s nomination was revealed in a Senate notice. The White House has not released a statement on the

nomination as of Wednesday morning.

Smith would replace Gen. David Berger as Marine commander if approved. He helped Berger in developing Force Design 2030, a strate-

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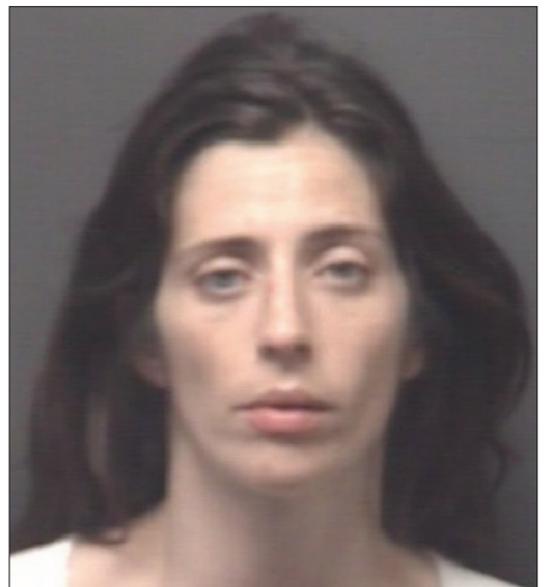
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NASCAR's Chase Elliott gets 1-race ban for wrecking Denny Hamlin

By Alex Butler
UPI

NASCAR suspended Cup Series star Chase Elliott for one race for wrecking Denny Hamlin at Charlotte Motor Speedway, officials announced.

NASCAR said Tuesday night that Elliott will not participate in the Enjoy Illinois 300 on Sunday at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Ill.

"It was an intentional act by Chase, in our opinion, after reviewing all the available resources there,"

NASCAR senior vice president of competition Elton Sawyer said during an appearance on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

"In the heat of the battle, things happen, but drivers need to understand you have to handle that in a completely different way than hooking someone in the right rear and putting them in harm's way."

The incident occurred on lap No. 186 in the 2023 Coca-Cola 600 on Monday at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. Elliott turned his car left into the

right-rear quarter panel of Hamlin's No. 11 Toyota. Hamlin's car slammed into the wall and went spinning. Elliott's car also sustained damage and exited the race.

Officials reviewed the incident and found that Elliott violated NASCAR's code of conduct, which cites that removing a competitor from

contention in a dangerous manner while not racing for position can result in a penalty.

Hamlin immediately called for Elliott's suspension during the Fox Sports broadcast of the race. He also called the sequence a "tantrum" from Elliott. He provided further evi-

dence for the potential ban on Twitter, saying Elliott "cranked" his steering wheel harder left than he did in any other corner during the race.

Elliott, who mentioned on his in-car radio that Hamlin pushed him earlier in the race, denied intentionally wrecking Hamlin. He called the run-in an

"unfortunate circumstance" "The No. 11 ran us up into the fence," Elliott told Fox Sports.

Elliott has missed six races this season due to a broken leg he sustained in March. Josh Berry filled in five times for Elliott. Jordan Taylor also served as an Elliott fill-in.



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gy for future Marine service that has been met with some pushback.

That plan focuses more on the further development of drones and long-range missiles instead of howitzer artillery and tanks.

Currently serving as the 36th assistant commandant of the Marines, the Missouri and Texas native has commanded at every level of the military branch since his commission in 1987. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Venezue-

la as well as Afghanistan, according to his website biography.

If approved, he would become the newest face in Biden's changing military leadership. Last week, he nominated Gen. C.Q. Brown, who led to Air Force, to become his next chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, replacing Gen. Mark Milley.

Army Gen. Randy George has been nominated to take over for Gen. James McConville to lead that branch. With Brown's possible promotion, Biden will then have to name his replacement with the Air Force.



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