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HOUSE SPEAKER MCCARTHY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY



House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (pictured in May) announced on Tuesday that he is ordering an impeachment inquiry against President Joe Biden. **File Photo by Bonnie Cash/UPI**

By Clyde Hughes
 UPI

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced on Tuesday that he is ordering an impeachment inquiry against President Joe Biden in an effort to satisfy hardline House conservatives.

McCarthy made the statement at the U.S. Capitol in a formal announcement but did not take any questions from reporters. He said the move was necessary to obtain documents and bank records from Biden in connection with an investigation of the president's son Hunter Biden.

"This logical next step will give our committees the full power to gather the full facts and

answers for the American public," McCarthy said. "That's exactly what we want to know -- the answers. I believe the president would want to answer these questions and allegations, as well."

McCarthy said House Oversight and Accountability Committee Chair James Comer, R-Ky., will lead the impeachment investigation. He said it will be done in coordination with House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, and House Ways and Means Committee Chair Jason Smith, R-Mo.

The White House has pushed back against the inquiry, noting that McCarthy opted to investigate instead of taking a vote.

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Police capture fugitive killer Danelo Cavalcante in Pennsylvania

By Clyde Hughes
 UPI

Convicted killer Danelo Cavalcante was captured Wednesday morning with the help of a police canine near Kennett Square, Pa., after a 14-day manhunt that frightened residents and closed schools while he was on the run.

Pennsylvania State Police Lt. Col. George Bevins said in a news conference that Cavalcante's capture came about eight hours after authorities were tipped off to a burglar alarm about midnight in the targeted search area of Chester County.

While police responding to the scene did not find anyone who set off the alarm, a Drug Enforcement Agency helicopter with thermal imaging picked up a heat signal nearby.

The aircraft, though, shortly had

to leave the area because of thunderstorms rolling through. Bevins said authorities, which included members of the state police and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, encircled the area until weather improved near dawn.

Bevins said that about 8 a.m., the team closed in on the area of the original heat signal. Cavalcante eventually picked up authorities closing in and attempted to crawl away in high brush. The police canine was deployed, which confronted and held him in place until officers arrived.

"They were able to move it very quietly," Bevins said. "They had the element of surprise. Cavalcante did not realize he was surrounded until that occurred. That did not stop him from trying to escape. He tried to crawl through thick

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Escaped convict and convicted murderer Danelo Cavalcante was captured Wednesday near Kennett Square, Pa., after a 14-day manhunt. **Photo courtesy of Pennsylvania State Police/UPI**

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OPINION

Migrants Are on a Misguided Path of Unchecked Compassion

Elon Musk, Donald Trump necessitate mulling the unthinkable

By Harlan Ullman
UPI

In 1962, the redoubtable Herman Kahn released his follow up to On Thermonuclear War. This book was called Thinking the Unthinkable. Then, the consequences of thermonuclear war were unthinkable.

A thermonuclear weapon is 1,000 times more powerful than a nuclear one as fusion produces that much greater energy than fission does. Warheads made of plutonium and not uranium would have made much of the planet uninhabitable for about 24,000 years -- its radioactive half-life.

As a thought experiment, what are some of the "unthinkable" scenarios that might be pondered, not merely as an out-of-the-box exercise, but in discarding the entire box? A just published biography of Tesla/X owner Elon Musk reported that last September, Musk limited Ukraine's use of his Starlink satellite system to prevent Ukraine from attacking Russian targets in Crimea.

The book alleged that after speaking to Russia's ambassador to the United States, Anatoly Antonov, Musk was warned Russia would retaliate with nuclear weapons.

Ukraine is entirely dependent on Starlink for GPS, Internet and satellite communications. Certainly for the first time in modern history, a civilian has had the ability to determine the outcome of battles and tactical operations in a war. But Musk does and did.

Thinking the unthinkable, are there other areas in which an individual can have such leverage? The U.S. Senate is one such place. Alabama Sen. and former football coach Tommy Tuberville is preventing confirmation of over 300 flag and general officers. Tuberville is trying to end the Pentagon policy of providing out-of-state transportation for service personnel requiring access to reproductive medical care.

Aside from the obvious national security implication of not having confirmed officers in positions of authority, the internal damage done to morale when families cannot move to new duty stations and the overall promotion system will be vast. Imagine a collapsing house of cards. That is what is happening to the chain-of-command hierarchy.

Regarding the service chiefs and the chairman of the joint chiefs, deputies will become "acting," meaning temporary, as the principals retire. The Federal Vacancies Act limits acting status to 210 days. Months from now, the joint chiefs may not be a legally constituted organization. This is absurd, but not even the worst case.

Suppose a senator filibusters the budget or the use of a stop-gap continuing resolution. The government would be forced to shut down. Or, by exercising the right of exerting "holds" on appointees, specific defense programs could be halted.

The unthinkable here is the prospect of a member of Congress becoming a "useful idiot" manipulated by a foreign government to take action that would harm the United States. The Manchurian Candidate movies portrayed this. However, the Tuberville holds suggest this is no longer unthinkable.

Other unthinkable scenarios affect politics. Suppose Donald Trump is convicted and sentenced to jail in the Atlanta case and re-elected president. Georgia law precludes pardons for convicted felons until at least five years have been served. And presidents have no pardon authority for state cases.

Everyone knows Joe Biden would be 82 at the time of his re-election. Many are worried about a President Kamala Harris should Biden not be able to serve. But here are some unsettling facts. Eight of 46 presidents have been assassinated or died in office. One, Woodrow Wilson, was incapacitated by a stroke and the Spanish flu for well over a year before his term expired.

Engraved on the Statue of Liberty pedestal, a stirring poem by American poet Emma Lazarus, "The New Colossus," eloquently captures the essence of compassion and virtue that has defined the American spirit. This renowned excerpt -- "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" -- has welcomed thousands of immigrants as they journeyed from distant lands to the embrace of America's shores.

Historically, the United States has stood as a beacon of prosperity and opportunity, its streets gleaming with proverbial gold. Yet, today, this vision of the American dream has become clouded. Government and influential media outlets have fed a distorted interpretation of it, one that threatens to unravel the very fabric of our great nation.

My heart is heavy with empathy for the relentless struggles faced by every migrant. Americans are privileged to reside in a land brimming with opportunity, safeguarded by justice, and anchored by inalienable rights. Tragically, this sanctuary is a rarity in a world where chaos and violence often reign unchecked.

Just beyond our southern border, a daily tempest of turmoil unfolds. Innocent lives are taken without redress, and mass killings, drug wars, violence, and unspeakable brutality ravage communities. The dream of a secure and comfortable life becomes a distant mirage, obscured by a reality where safety and serenity are luxuries that remain, for many, elusive and unattainable. This impels tens of thousands of mi-

grants every year to make the perilous journey to the United States in search of a better life.

This brings us to New York City, a sanctuary city where the migrant crisis has



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reached critical mass. New York state boasts an unimpressive 88 immigration judges. With nearly 90,000 migrants coming to New York City, that's a little more than 1,000 migrants per judge. The facts of each case are distinct, and the proceedings are often long and drawn out. What exacerbates the situation further is the extensive time required to decide asylum cases, often taking years. Migrants with pending cases aren't always confined to one location; many skip their hearing dates, which are frequently spaced months apart, and move elsewhere. In fact, data from the Department of Justice shows that nearly half of all migrants skip their immigration hearings. This lengthy process can become even more protracted since they already have up to a year to apply.

We must remember that these are people whose whereabouts are unknown, whose history is a mystery to us, and who are becoming dispersed throughout the United States. And, of course, this alarming figure assumes that they are even provided with a court date to start. In 2021, there were nearly 600,000 migrants who were released into the United States without such a date.

These numbers are

alarming, and the stories of many of these migrants are tragic. This requires us to confront a very somber truth: America, despite its might and moral compass, cannot be the savior to all. A delicate balance must be struck between our noble intentions and the realistic capabilities of our nation to ensure the welfare of the most significant number of people.

Though I empathize with the migrants' plight, I consider the reports of their actions disturbing. There are reports circulating about the migrants demanding treatment far exceeding what we routinely provide to our needy American citizens and of others expressing unhappiness with being here. Many of the migrants have been housed in four- and five-star hotels, provided with three meals per day, and granted access to free health care -- all at the taxpayers' expense. If we must help them, we should, but to "help" them and "indulge" in their every need are two vastly different actions. The old saying, "You can't have your cake and eat it too," has clearly been lost on New York's leaders. It's a situation that calls into question the values of gratitude and humility.

Why are our own underprivileged not embraced with open arms, accommodated in luxurious hotels, nourished with fine meals, and provided top-tier health care? Why, instead, are they relegated to grim, perilous shelters, trapped in an existence with scant prospects for improvement?

Ironically, the repercussions of specific policies are now dawning upon those who once champi-

oned them. Before, the problems seemed distant and abstract. It was simple enough to chide states like Texas for their perceived inhumanity and demand more respectful treatment for migrants. Yet now, as the tangible realities of an open-border policy unfold on their own doorsteps, the consequences are becoming unavoidably clear.

America is a place where individuals from all walks of life can pursue success and lay the foundation for prosperity that endures through generations. Every man, woman, and child who sets foot on our cherished soil deserves a chance to partake in this promise. However, we must recognize the finite nature of our resources and the importance of prioritizing those who have devoted their lives to nurturing and sustaining our nation.

We must first ensure that opportunities are extended to Americans, attending to their needs and potential. Only after fulfilling our commitment to those who call this land "home" can we begin to direct our resources and energies toward assisting those who seek our shores from foreign lands.

Elected officials should recognize that their primary duty is to represent those who have entrusted them with their votes -- American citizens. If they wish to fulfill the vision that propelled them into office, they must first honor and prioritize the needs and aspirations of the people who voted for them.

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To fight climate change, we need to measure costs of extreme heat

By Jérémie Boudreault & Celine Campagna & Fateh Chebana
UPI

Among the extreme weather events we are experiencing, including floods, severe storms and wildfires, heat waves are having the greatest impact on human health.

Indeed, the deadliest weather event in Canadian history was the heat dome (abnormally hot temperatures that lasted several days) that hit British Columbia in 2021, causing at least 600 deaths. In addition to increased mortality, extreme heat is responsible for more emergency room visits, ambulance transports, hospitalizations, calls to health information lines, work-related accidents and greater mobilization of emergency response teams.

Climate change will make heat waves longer and more intense. Their future impact will be exacerbated by an aging population and increased urbanization.

In this context, it is vital to be able to assess the health and economic burden of heat waves now and in the future. Yet, very little is known about the economic impact of extreme heat.

Why we know so little

Natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes or wildfires cause material damage to homes, businesses and agricultural crops. Since these losses are often reimbursed by insurers or governments, in the event of a catastrophe,

the financial data associated with these events is readily available and known.

On the other hand, extreme heat tends to affect more people's health. As a result, these costs are buried in healthcare system expenditures or borne by society as a whole, making them much harder to quantify. Extreme heat is often reported as a "silent killer" because its impacts are much more invisible and silent compared to other natural disasters.

In recent years, a few studies have attempted to estimate the costs associated with extreme heat in Canada and elsewhere in the world. For example, forecasts of the annual costs of premature heat-related deaths in Canada have been estimated at \$3 billion to 3.9 billion per year by 2050, and \$5.2 billion to 8.5 billion by 2080.

Although important and relevant, the existing research on the economic impact of heat often focuses on only one effect, for example mortality. But the impacts of extreme heat are much broader. In addition, the spatial scale of the analysis is often large (covering a whole country or province). That limits the possibility of carrying out cost-benefit analyses on a more local scale. Finally, there is room for improvement in the methodological approaches used in existing studies.

With multidisciplinary expertise (data science, hydrometeorology, public health and actuarial science), we seek to use innovative approaches to assess the health costs of heat in Québec and Canada. For example, we

recently used artificial intelligence to process large meteorological and medical-administrative databases to better model the health impacts of heat. We will continue this work and built on it in order to quantify the economic burden of heat.

Why it is so important

We need to be able to estimate the historical and future health costs of extreme heat in order to put in place efficient and coherent measures to fight climate change.

On the mitigation side, that is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Reliable projections of the health costs of extreme heat would reveal what health authorities or society can expect to pay if GHG emissions continue to rise. In this way, the reduction in GHG emissions could be converted into avoided health costs, and thus into potential savings for governments and society. This represents another argument in favor of reducing GHG emissions.

On the adaptation side, meaning actions to be taken to limit the consequences of climate change, estimates of the health costs of heat could serve as inputs for cost-benefit analyses of adaptation measures, such as greening or fighting urban heat islands.

In such analyses, the benefits would be quantified as the heat-related health costs that would be avoided by these measures. Moreover, as these actions are often implemented at the neighborhood or municipal scale,



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Judge restricts Donald Trump's access to classified information in Florida case

By Joe Fisher
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A federal judge Wednesday ruled to restrict former President Donald Trump's access to classified information in the case against him in Florida, affirming recommendations by special counsel Jack Smith.

Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump-nominated judge presiding over the classified documents case, also ruled to restrict Trump's ability to discuss classified information, including with his defense team. She emphasized that a violation of

these orders may also be a violation of the law, CNN reports.

Trump, who is campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination, has pushed for flexibility about how and where he can discuss classified records with his defense team. The team has sought the ability to pore over information with Trump at his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida or his Bedminster, N.J., home. Smith has opposed this, according to CNBC.

The defense will be allowed to access information that may be used as evi-

dence only during certain hours, following procedures laid out by a chief information security officer, or through special requests approved by the officer, with consultation from the court and the U.S. Marshals Service. This will be done at an established sensitive compartmented information facility.

Cannon's order did not specify whether such a facility would be established at any of Trump's properties at any point in the future.

If evidence becomes public information, Trump and his team will be re-

stricted from making statements about it.

The ruling by Cannon comes after a sealed hearing over how classified information will be handled on Tuesday.

Smith requested a protective order from the judge to prevent Trump from discussing details of the case publicly. Trump faces charges relating to his handling of classified government documents. He is alleged to have kept



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The FBI raided Mar-a-Lago and retrieved boxes of documents last summer.

Manhunt

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underbrush."

Bevin said Cavalcante continued to resist but was quickly brought under control without anyone being injured. Cavalcante suffered a minor dog bite wound. Authorities also recovered a weapon they believe he took from a residence earlier this week.

Cavalcante was to be interviewed and transferred to a state prison instead of returning to the Chester County Jail, where he escaped.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro praised the work of law enforcement in finding Cavalcante and rejected criticism over the amount of time it took to track him down.

Bevins said the public supported the search by quickly reporting sightings of Cavalcante, which helped them constantly adjust their target search areas.

"I hope the good people of Pennsylvania and folks all across this nation got a chance to see how government is supposed to work -- how law enforcement is supposed to work, where we all come together and focus on the mission," Shapiro said. "We were here with a common purpose, to apprehend the suspect and

keep people safe."

Bevin said Cavalcante looked tired and stressed, which was the goal of the search teams, to keep him moving to a point where he would make a mistake and allow authorities to catch him with less resistance. Authorities believe he traveled mostly at night along creeks and wood lines because those were easier to travel.

The capture ended the two-week manhunt during which Cavalcante managed to stay one step ahead of authorities.

He is in the country illegally and was convicted in August in the stabbing death of his ex-girlfriend in 2021. He is also wanted as a suspect for a murder in Brazil.

The pressure to capture Cavalcante increased Monday night when a resident within the targeted area said Cavalcante stole his .22-caliber rifle after entering his garage. The resident said he fired shots at the escapee, but missed.

Bevins said he will talk with the Chester County District Attorney's office to see what additional charges Cavalcante will face for his escape and whether anyone else will be charged. He said Cavalcante's sister, who was interviewed after his escape, will likely face deportation. He declined to comment on whether anyone assisted Cavalcante.

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Twitter owner Elon Musk threatened to sue the Center for Countering Digital Hate for making “a series of troubling and baseless claims that appear calculated to harm Twitter generally, and its digital advertising business,” according to a letter Musk sent on July 20. **Photo by Ismael Mohamad/ UPI**

X accused of preserving extreme content in violation of its own policies

By A.L. Lee
UPI

The platform formerly known as Twitter violated its moderation policies after leaving up extreme content that was first reported to the social media giant two weeks ago, according to a digital watchdog that monitors hate speech, misinformation and other harmful content.

The Center for Countering Digital Hate issued the report Wednesday showing X Corp. had failed to address about 86% of the 300 incendiary posts that were flagged earlier this month for promoting hate and extolling White supremacy, neo-Nazism, antisemitism, and racism against Black people.

The report comes after Twitter owner Elon Musk threatened to sue the non-profit for making “a series of troubling and baseless claims that appear calculated to harm Twitter generally, and its digital advertising business,” according to a letter Musk sent on July 20.

On its website, the whistleblower agency accused Musk of trying to “silence our work exposing hate and disinformation on Twitter,” adding that “platforms and their owners must be held accountable for enabling the spread of hate and misinformation.”

In August, several Democratic lawmakers sent a letter to Twitter’s front office demanding an explanation for its efforts to thwart independent research into the harms of social media.

U.S. Reps. Lori Trahan, D-Mass., Sean Casten, D-Ill., and Adam Schiff, D-Calif., asked if X had successfully lowered the number of terms of service violations on the platform, including hate speech and extremism.

“After Mr. Musk purchased X on Oct. 27, 2022, some of his first actions were to lay off trust and safety workers, dissolve the Trust and Safety Council and restore banned accounts of misogynists and Neo-Nazis,” the lawmakers wrote. “Unsurprisingly, this has coincided with a documented rise in hate speech and extremism on X.”

During the CCDH analysis, researchers collected the sampling of 300 hate-filled posts that appeared on 100 accounts between Aug. 30 and 31.

Moderators at X were immediately notified through the platform’s official reporting tools, but as of Sept. 7 only 41 of the 300 posts had been removed from the site, while 90 of the accounts from the sample remained active, the report claims.

The platform allowed ads for trusted brands like Apple and Disney to run alongside the vitriol, the report claims before calling out X CEO Linda Yaccarino, who had vowed to boost “brand safety and content moderation tools that have never existed before at this company” when she took the helm from Musk this past summer.

The company’s current policies are designed to prohibit hateful conduct on the platform, including incitement and harassment of others through racial discrimination, while barring slurs, dehumanization, hateful imagery and threats of violence.

The agency again called on Congress to regulate the social media industry.

“Twitter/X is enabling dangerous content that could lead to real-life violence,” the report said. “The longer Congress delays social media regulation, the longer people’s safety will be in the hands of greedy and unreliable billionaires.”

Georgia governor declares state of emergency over high inflation

By Darryl Coote & Paul Godfrey
UPI

Georgia’s Republican governor, Brian Kemp, has declared a state of emergency over high inflation that he blames on the Biden administration.

Kemp announced the declaration Tuesday, stating it will temporarily suspend state taxes on motor and locomotive fuel -- a move his office described in a statement as an effort “to provide direct relief to families throughout the state.”

The order goes into effect Wednesday and will remain in place until Oct. 12.

“From runaway federal spending to policies that hamstringing domestic energy production, all Bidenomics has done is take more money out of the pockets of the middle class,” Kemp said.

“While high prices continue to hit family budgets, hardworking Georgians deserve real relief and that’s why I signed an executive order today to deliver it directly to them at the pump.”

Kemp’s initiative came hours before the U.S. Labor Department was set to release its latest inflation



update Wednesday. According to the department, the annual inflation rate for the 12-month period that ended in July was 3.2%, up slightly from the 3% in the previous period.

The figure also represents a downward inflation trend from a high of 7% in 2021 and 6.5% last year.

However, the latest figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that inflation for the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell area of Georgia hit 4.6% for the 12 months ending June.

The announcement also comes as the U.S. Energy Information Administration said Tuesday that it expects higher oil prices through the remainder of the year as a result of declining global inventories.

That is expected to push the average regular-grade gasoline price to \$3.69 per gallon in the fourth quarter, up from the EIA’s August forecast of \$3.57.

According to AAA, the average cost of a gallon of regular gas in Georgia is currently \$3.57, up from \$3.24 last year.

Kemp said his suspension of the gas tax will save Georgians 31.2 cents per gallon of gas and 35 cents per gallon of diesel.

Georgia General Assembly Speaker Jon Burns, also a Republican, said in a statement that he applauded the suspension of fuel taxes adding that it would “keep our people and our economy moving despite Washington’s inaction on rising fuel prices.”

August U.S. inflation up 0.6% but annual rate down from a year ago



By Doug Cunningham
UPI

U.S. consumer prices rose 0.6% in August for a total 12-month increase of 3.7%. Gasoline prices accounted for over half of the August increase, according to Wednesday’s release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Inflation for all items excluding food and energy rose 4.3 percent over the past 12 months. August inflation was the highest monthly increase of 2023.

But the annual inflation rate is steadily slowing, from the 6.3% last August to 3.7% this August.

In the face of those monthly numbers, U.S. workers are earning less in real wages, adjusted for inflation.

In a separate Wednesday release the BLS reported real average earnings for all U.S.

employees decreased 0.5% in August. Average earnings were up by 0.2%, but were offset by the 0.6% consumer prices increase, resulting in the net real average earnings decline.

The Consumer Price Index showed energy prices rising 5.6% in August, while food prices were up 0.2%. Gasoline prices were up 10.6%. But on an annual basis, energy prices in August were down 3.6% from a year ago.

Grocery prices for meat, poultry, fish and egg prices were up 0.8% in August while pork prices rose 2.2%. Food prices away from home were up 0.3%.

Used car and truck prices fell 1.2% in August following a drop of 1.3% in July. That brings vehicle prices down by 6.6% from a year ago.

With energy and food excluded, the shelter price


index was the largest factor in the monthly increase. Shelter cost 7.3% more than a year ago.

Rent prices were up 0.5% while the index for owner’s equivalent rent rose 0.4% in August.

Compared to a year ago motor vehicle insurance cost 19.1% more, personal care was up 5.8%, new vehicle prices were up 2.9% and recreation cost 3.5% more.

James Knightly, chief international economist for investment bank ING, expects annual inflation to be back on a downward path by October.

The Federal Reserve Bank has been systematically raising interest rates in an effort to quell inflation without causing a recession. While progress has been made, inflation is still running higher than the Fed’s target of 2%.



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Concert headliners announced

The North Carolina Rice Festival, Inc. and the Brunswick Arts Council recently announced their joint promotion of a concert with multiple Grammy winning group Ranky Tanky as concert headliner at the Odell Williamson Auditorium at Brunswick Community College, Bolivia, NC. on Saturday, October 21.

Ranky Tanky, whose name is derived from a Gullah expression roughly translated as "get funky", is a multiple Grammy Award winning, Charleston, SC-based quintet. It features, singer Quiana Parler, drummer Quentin Baxter, bassist Kevin Hamilton, trumpet player Charlton Singleton and guitarist Clay Ross, and performs timeless music born from the Gullah Geechee culture of the southeastern Sea Islands. Their debut album was featured on NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross and the TODAY show. It also soared to the #1 position on the Billboard, Amazon, and iTunes Jazz Charts. Following up its first Grammy in 2020 for its album "Good Time," the group won its second Grammy this past February for its "Live At The 2022 New Orleans Jazz And Heritage Festival". Its repertoire includes playful game songs, ecstatic shouts, and heartbreaking spirituals as well as, the group's first original songs inspired by Gullah tradition. Band members describe themselves as "ambassadors" of Gullah culture and have in-

roduced Gullah language and musical rhythm to audiences throughout North America and Europe.

Leland, NC native Ian Daviz, an Amateur Night at the Apollo winner, will open the evening at 7:00 pm, with Ranky Tanky following at 8:00 pm. Tickets are priced at \$55, \$45 and \$35, and are available through etix at: www.bccowa.com.

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Federal judge denies Mark Meadows motion to stay Georgia election case

By Joe Fisher UPI

A federal judge Wednesday denied former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows' request for an emergency stay in the Georgia election interference case.

U.S. District Judge Steve Jones wrote in his ruling that Meadows did not show he is entitled an emergency stay. Meadows had pushed for Jones to hold back on his previous decision to deny his motion to move the case to federal court.

Meadows is charged with soliciting an official to violate their oath of office and violating the federal Hatch Act, which prohibits officials from using their government status to influence an election. He is among 19 defendants in the case related to the 2020 presidential election, including former President Donald Trump, who is campaigning to re-

gain office.

Meadows filed a motion to stay Jones' decision on Monday, citing factors including "irreparable harm, balance of equities and public interest."

Jones determined that Meadows failed to demonstrate anything more than a "possibility of irreparable harm in absence of a stay." Jones also rejected Meadows' argument of "prejudice to the state," saying that the state has a strong interest in the criminal prosecution being free from federal interference.

Finally, Jones ruled that Meadows should not be offered protection under the Supremacy Clause because he was not acting "in the scope of his federal office" when he was involved in the acts alleged in the charges against him, including arranging the infamous call between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.

In that call, Trump was recorded asking Raffensperger to "find" votes that would change the result of the state's election in Trump's favor.

Jones also acknowledges that it is not guaranteed that Meadows will go on trial in October. Trump's former attorneys Kenneth Chesebro and Sidney Powell were granted an Oct. 23, start date for their trial in the case. Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee has been hesitant to rule that all 19 defendants will go on trial at that time.

Fulton County prosecu-

tors estimated in a hearing last week that a trial will take about four months. They intend to call more than 150 witnesses to the stand, not counting any defendants who testify.

Impeach

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"House Republicans have been investigating the president for nine months and they've turned up no evidence of wrongdoing," White House spokesman Ian Sams said on X, formerly known as Twitter. "His own GOP members

have said so. He vowed to hold a vote to open impeachment. Now, he's flip-flopped because he doesn't have support. Extreme politics at its worst."

Rep. Greg Steube, R-Fla., Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., and Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., have all filed their own articles of impeachment at different times before Tuesday's announcement.



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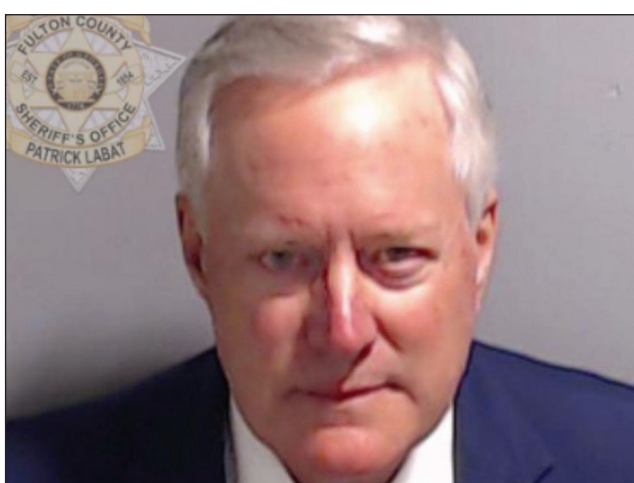
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NASA approves crew for Axiom's third private mission to space station

By Patrick Hilsman
UPI

NASA has approved a four-person crew for the third Axiom mission, which is intended to launch no sooner than January 2024.

"Axiom Space's chief astronaut and former NASA astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria will command the private mission. Italian Air Force Col. Walter Villadei will serve as pilot. The two mission specialists are Alper Gezeravci of Turkey and ESA (European Space Agency) project astronaut Marcus Wandt of Sweden," NASA said in a press release Tuesday.



The crew will travel to the International Space Station in a Crew Dragon spacecraft that will be launched from a Falcon 9 rocket. Once they have docked, the

crew will spend 14 days onboard the ISS.

NASA hopes commercial space flight will expand the horizons of space travel.

"Private astronaut missions to the space station help pave the way toward commercial space stations as part of NASA's efforts to develop a thriving low-Earth orbit ecosystems and marketplace and enable more nations, more people, and more opportunities in space than ever before," NASA said.

"This crew is shifting the paradigm of how governments and space agencies access and reap the benefits of microgravity," said Lopez-Alegria, "I look forward to

working with this team and with all those who will support our mission on the ground, on orbit, and around the world."

NASA also hopes that private space missions will help lower costs to free up funding for the upcoming Artemis moon mission.

"The agency's goal is to enable a strong commercial marketplace in low-Earth orbit where NASA is one of many customers for private industry. This strategy will provide services the government needs at a lower cost, enabling the agency to focus on its Artemis missions to the moon in preparation for Mars," NASA said.

SpaceX successfully launches 22 Starlink satellites

By Patrick Hilsman
UPI

SpaceX has successfully launched a group of 22 Starlink satellites from Florida's Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

The satellites were launched from the station's Complex 40 at 11:12 p.m. EDT on Friday.

The first stage booster separated from the rest of the spacecraft and landed on the drone ship A Shortfall of Gravitas in the Atlantic Ocean 8 minutes and 25 seconds after launch.

The Falcon 9 booster used in Friday's launch previously flew on six missions, including three prior Starlink missions, as well as the Intelsat IS-40e, CRS-26, and OneWeb Launch 16 missions.

Friday's launch brings the number of SpaceX missions in 2023 up to 63, most of which have been Starlink missions.

It was originally intended to be part of back-to-back launches on late Friday and early Saturday, but the SI-

LENTBARKER/NROL-107 mission for the Space Force's National Reconnaissance Office originally scheduled for Saturday morning was pushed back to Sunday.

That United Launch Alliance mission will be launched from an Atlas V rocket.

Meanwhile, a SpaceX Starship spacecraft has been attached to the top of a Falcon Heavy booster stage. Company founder Elon Musk said SpaceX is awaiting approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to proceed with the launch.

In April, the first test flight of the Starship ended in failure when the spacecraft failed to separate from the first stage of the Falcon Heavy rocket that was carrying it and exploded.

On Friday, the FAA announced that it had completed its investigation into the failed Starship launch and that SpaceX would need to fulfil "63 corrective actions" before the company can proceed with the next launch.



Fall allergy forecast calls for a bad season for over a dozen states

By Brian Lada
Accuweather.com

Pumpkin patches and haunted hayrides are starting to appear across the country as late summer transitions to early autumn, but with the changing of the seasons comes a hidden danger.

Autumn allergy season is nearing its peak in the United States, and AccuWeather forecasters say it could be a bad one for allergy sufferers in more than a dozen states.

Many areas east of the Mississippi River are forecast to have high ragweed pollen levels this fall, but there is some good news for part of the region.

"We are past the peak of fall pollen in much of the Northeast," AccuWeather senior meteorologist Alan Reppert said. However, he added that there still can be spikes in ragweed pollen levels due to the combination of lingering summer warmth and moisture.

Elsewhere in the East, people may need to wait longer until there is a reprieve from the elevated pollen levels.

AccuWeather meteorologists are highlighting the Southeast as the region where fall allergies will be worse than any other areas of the country due to the predicted



late arrival of crisp, cool autumn air.

"With the later-than-average frost and freeze, we will see the Southeast keep weed pollen levels high through much of the fall, making for a significantly extended year," Reppert said. The first frost of the season usually occurs in the Southeast during the final days of October through the middle of November, according to historical averages.

Some areas of the West will also face an unusually high amount of pollen, especially in a zone from southern Idaho to far western Arizona, where wet conditions have been prevalent in recent weeks.

From the start of August through the first full week of September, rainfall in Las Vegas was more than 350% of the historical average. In that same timeframe, the rainfall in Boise, Idaho, was 360% of the historical average.

"Most pollen in the fall is from weeds, and they rely on short-term moisture," Reppert said. That means any storm followed by a warm spell can cause pollen levels to surge suddenly.

On the contrary, a lack of rainfall will be good news for folks who suffer from fall-time allergies elsewhere across the West.

"Dryness in California will keep pollen levels low," Reppert said. "In the Northwest, pollen levels will be close to the historical average."

In the central United States, the anticipated arrival of cooler air during the second half of September and the first part of October will help to ease symptoms for ragweed pollen sufferers. However, as people reach for their thermostats to turn the heat on, other allergen offenders such as dust mites can exacerbate symptoms. Indoor allergens, such as pet dander, could also be on the rise as people spend more time indoors with windows closed.

With flu season right around the corner,

it is important to know the difference between seasonal allergies and a cold, the flu, COVID-19 or another seasonal respiratory virus such as RSV.

State and local health officials have been bracing for what has been coined a triple threat for the upcoming season and urging anyone eligible to be vaccinated for the flu, COVID-19 and RSV once those shots are available this fall.

"Allergies can cause a runny nose and sneezing. But they're not contagious," the National Institutes of Health said on its website. "If your eyes, nose, or ears itch, that also could be an allergy."

People who catch the common cold, the flu or COVID-19 can experience similar symptoms, but the virus-borne illnesses can cause additional symptoms that allergies do not.


A runny nose, congestion, cough and a sore throat are typical for those who have a cold, while the flu and COVID-19 can also lead to a fever, aches, exhaustion and a headache.

The NIH explained that treatment guidelines are evolving, especially for COVID-19, and that people should talk with their doctor about medications to treat allergies or viruses.

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Joe Mixon, Breece Hall among 5 fantasy football RBs to avoid in Week 2

By Alex Butler
UPI

Joe Mixon of the Cincinnati Bengals and Breece Hall of the New York Jets are among my five fantasy football running backs to avoid in lineups in Week 2.

Javonte Williams, Brian Robinson Jr. and Cam Akers are the other running backs I would bench, unless you don't roster another option listed higher in my rankings.

My Week 2 wide receiver rankings and waiver-wire additions articles remain available for your preparation. My positional rankings will continue to be altered for developments, including injuries.

My Top 30 running back rankings for Week 2 are below. My running backs to avoid rank outside the Top 24 of my rankings, which means they shouldn't be started in leagues with fewer than 14 teams that don't include flex spots.

Breece Hall

Hall, who missed the majority of the last two seasons because of injuries, showed off why the New York Jets selected him early in the second-round of the 2022 NFL Draft in his 2023 debut. The second-year running back scorched the Buffalo Bills for 127 yards on just 10 carries, including one that went for 83 yards, the longest run for any player in Week 1.

Hall is capable of taking any handoff to the end zone at any point in a game, but he could find it a bit harder to find space Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

The Cowboys dominated the New York Giants in Week 1, overwhelming their offensive line in a 40-0 blowout. The Cowboys also limited Giants running back Saquon Barkley to just 51 yards on 12 carries.

Hall should break loose a few times this week, but I don't expect him to be quite as explosive. The Jets will likely lean on Dalvin Cook a little more as they attempt to keep Hall fresh and control the clock in this road matchup.

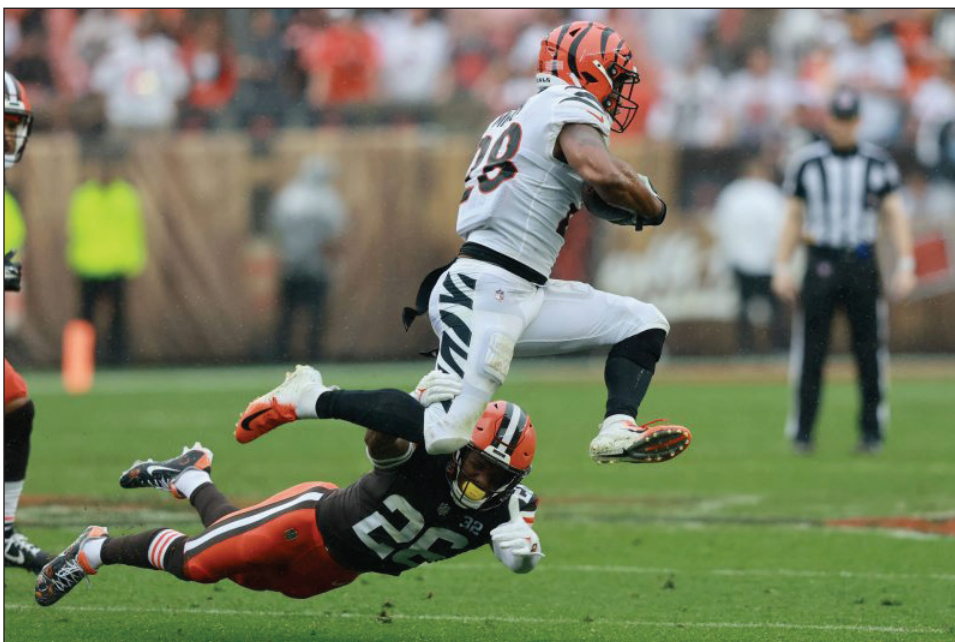
Hall is the No. 26 option in my Week 2 running back rankings. He should only be used in leagues that include at least 14 teams or feature a flex position.

Javonte Williams

Williams ran for 52 yards on 13 carries and caught four passes for five yards in the Denver Broncos' Week 1 loss to the Las Vegas Raiders.

This week, the Broncos will host the Washington Commanders. The Commanders, who allowed fifth-fewest fantasy points to running backs in 2022, held Arizona Cardinals running backs to just 58 yards on 19 carries in Week 1.

Look for a low-scoring game between the Broncos and Commanders, with Williams failing to eclipse 80 yards from scrimmage. He is my No. 27 option and



should only be plugged in as a low-end RB2 or flex play in deeper leagues.

Joe Mixon

Mixon and the entire Cincinnati Bengals offense failed to find a rhythm in a Week 1 loss to the Cleveland Browns. The veteran running back totaled 16 touches for 70 yards in the loss.

This week, the Bengals will battle the Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens allowed the fifth-fewest rushing yards and sixth-fewest fantasy points to running backs last season. They started the 2023 campaign by limiting Houston Texans starter Dameon Pierce to just 38 yards on 11 carries.

The Bengals -- who roster a better playmaker arsenal than the Texans -- should rebound offensively this week, but look for more of a running back rotation, with Mixon splitting touches. I also see Burrow finding more of a rhythm with pass catchers Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins.

Mixon can still be in lineups in deeper leagues, but I would look elsewhere for a starter if you roster a player higher in my rankings.

Brian Robinson Jr.

Robinson received the majority of work in the Commanders backfield in Week 1, edging fellow running back Antonio Gibson 19-3 in carries. Robinson turned that workload into just 59 rushing yards, but salvaged his fantasy stock with a 7-yard touchdown catch.

I would avoid Robinson this week when the Commanders face the Broncos, who just held reigning rushing champion Josh Jacobs to 48 yards on 19 carries in their Week 1 loss to the Raiders. Gibson also should receive a better share of the backfield split.

Robinson is my No. 30 play for Week 2.

Cam Akers

Akers entered Week 1 eyeing a juicy

matchup against the Seattle Seahawks, who allowed the fourth-most fantasy points to running backs last season. The Los Angeles Rams running back received 22 carries, but disappointed his stock owners by producing just 29 yards.

Akers scored a touchdown, which helped his cause, but his lack of usage in the passing game and inefficiency as a runner is a huge concern going forward.

Fellow Rams running back Kyren Williams was on the field for nearly twice the amount of snaps as Akers -- with 53 snaps compared to 28 -- and received 15 carries and scored twice.

Beyond those production and usage concerns, the Rams will host the San Francisco 49ers in Week 2. The 49ers, who allowed the fewest rushing yards and fantasy points to running backs last season, held Pittsburgh Steelers running backs to just 50 yards on 19 carries in Week 1.

Akers, who isn't in my Top 30, should not be in lineups until he proves he can become the clear leader of this murky backfield.

Week 2 fantasy football running back rankings

1. Derrick Henry, Tennessee Titans vs. LAC
2. Nick Chubb, Cleveland Browns at PIT
3. Bijan Robinson, Atlanta Falcons vs. GB
4. Christian McCaffrey, Carolina Panthers at LAR
5. Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas Raiders at BUF
6. Saquon Barkley, New York Giants vs. ARI
7. Austin Ekeler, Los Angeles Chargers at TEN
8. Tony Pollard, Dallas Cowboys vs. NYJ
9. Kenneth Walker, Seattle Seahawks at DET
10. Rhamondre Stevenson, New England Patriots vs. MIA
11. Dameon Pierce, Houston Texans vs. IND
12. Travis Etienne, Jacksonville Jaguars vs. KC
13. Jahmyr Gibbs, Detroit Lions vs. SEA
14. Rachaad White, Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. CHI
15. James Conner, Arizona Cardinals vs. NYG
16. Alexander Mattison, Minnesota Vikings at PHI
17. Aaron Jones, Green Bay Packers at ATL
18. James Cook, Buffalo Bills vs. LV
19. Gus Edwards, Baltimore Ravens at CIN
20. Jamaal Williams, New Orleans Saints at CAR
21. A.J. Dillon, Green Bay Packers at ATL
22. Najee Harris, Pittsburgh Steelers vs. CLE
23. Miles Sanders, Carolina Panther vs. NO
24. Isaiah Pacheco, Kansas City Chiefs at JAX
25. Breece Hall, New York Jets at DAL
26. Raheem Mostert, Miami Dolphins at NE
27. Javonte Williams, Denver Broncos vs. WAS
28. David Montgomery, Detroit Lions vs. SEA
29. Joe Mixon, Cincinnati Bengals vs. BAL
30. Brian Robinson Jr., Washington Commanders at DEN

Tennis star Simona Halep receives 4-year doping ban, plans appeal

By Alex Butler
UPI

Tennis star Simona Halep is suspended for four years for anti-doping violations, the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) announced Tuesday. Halep plans to appeal the suspension.

"I have devoted my life to the beautiful game of ten-

nis," Halep wrote on social media. "I take the rules that govern our sport very seriously and take pride in the fact I have never knowingly or intentionally used any prohibited substance."

"I refused to accept their decision of a four-year ban."

Halep, the 2018 French Open and Wimbledon 2019 champion, said she was shocked by the decision.

The two-time Grand Slam champion announced last September that she would not return to the sport until 2024, citing mental exhaustion and nose surgery.

The ITIA announced a provisional suspension for Halep in October after she tested positive for the banned substance Roxadustat, a medication used to treat anemia. The agency charged Halep with two separate breaches of the Tennis Anti-Doping Program, including when it found the presence of the drug in the tennis star at the 2022 U.S. Open. She lost in the first round of the Grand Slam.

An independent tribunal, which issued the ban, met with expert witnesses and received evidence from Halep as part of proceedings on the matter in June in London.

Halep's suspension is retroactive to Oct. 7 and runs until Oct. 6, 2026.

"The ITIA has followed the proper processes as we would with any other individual -- in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code -- fulfilling our purpose and responsibility



to uphold the principle of fair competition, on behalf of the sport," ITIA CEO Karen Moorehouse said in a news release. "The panel recognized that appropriate procedure had been followed within the written decision."

"We do understand the significant public interest in these cases and re-

main committed to being as transparent as possible and the full decision will be published in due course."

Retired tennis star Serena Williams, who lost to Halep in the Wimbledon 2019 women's singles final, tweeted "8 is a better number," just after Halep's suspension was announced. Williams totaled seven

Wimbledon singles titles.

Halep, 31, hasn't competed since she lost to Ukrainian qualifier Daria Snigur on Aug. 29, 2022, at the U.S. Open. The former world No. 1 from Romania was the No. 10 player in the WTA rankings at the end of the 2022 season. Halep is not listed in the current WTA singles rankings.

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N.Y. Jets QB Aaron Rodgers tore Achilles vs. Bills, out for season

By Alex Butler
UPI

The New York Jets earned a dramatic triumph over the Buffalo Bills, but suffered a huge loss the same night, with quarterback Aaron Rodgers sustaining a season-ending torn Achilles, a league source told UPI on Tuesday.

An MRI confirmed Tuesday morning that Rodgers tore the tendon in his left leg in the first quarter of the 22-16 victory Monday at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

"Not the way any of us wanted it to go, but we know the commitment you've made to this team will continue to impact us moving forward. Get well soon, Aaron Rodgers," the Jets tweeted.

Jets coach Robert Saleh said Monday night that the injury was "not good" and that he expected an MRI would confirm the team's fears that Rodgers tore his Achilles.

"It's something none of us want to see," Jets cornerback Sauce Gardner told reporters. "That's my guy. He is a great teammate and a great leader. It caught us off guard. We dedicated winning the game to him."

Saleh also said that Zack Wilson, who filled in for Rodgers on Monday, will be the Jets' starter for the rest of the season.

Wilson completed 14 of 21 passes for 140 yards, a touchdown and an interception against the Bills. The Jets went on to win on a walk-off punt return from wide receiver Xavier Gipson in overtime.

Rodgers penned one of the NFL's best off-season storylines when he joined the Jets in an April trade from the Green Bay Packers. The move beckoned high expectations for the Jets, who were among the Top 10 preseason betting favorites to win the Super Bowl. They now are among the bottom half of teams with odds to win the Lombardi Trophy.

The veteran quarterback, who spent 18 seasons with the Packers, was on the field for just 75 seconds of game action in his debut for his new team.

Rodgers threw an incompletion on his first pass attempt with the Jets, when occurred about 3 minutes into Monday's game. Hew threw another incompletion on the next play, which was negated because of a holding penalty on the Bills.

Rodgers took the next snap out of the shotgun formation. Bills defender Leonard Floyd came flying around the left edge.

Rodgers spun to his left, attempting to elude the defensive end. Floyd managed to hang on, bringing him down for a sack. Rodgers' left leg bent awkwardly as he was slammed to the ground. He then walked back to the huddle, before falling back to the ground in pain.

Rodgers was loaded onto a cart and taken into the tunnel from an X-ray, which returned a negative result for broken bones.

"I sacked him and I guess he got hurt," Floyd told reporters after the game, when asked about Rodgers. "I didn't realize he got hurt until later in the game, when he didn't come back in."

"It felt good to make a sack for the team at that time."

The Jets will face the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in Arlington, Texas. The Cowboys are 7.5-point favorites.



Ex-Bucs, Bills WR Mike Williams dies at 36



By Alex Butler
UPI

Mike Williams, who played wide receiver for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Buffalo Bills during a five-year tenure in the NFL, has died, his agent said. He was 36.

Hadley Engelhard of EnterSports Management told NFL Network, the Tampa Bay Times and CNN that Williams was taken off life support Tuesday while being treated at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

Williams was hospitalized after being injured in a construction accident last week in Hillsborough County.

"We are saddened to hear of the untimely death of Mike Williams, which has left our organization, his former teammates and fans with heavy hearts," the Buccaneers said in a statement. "We send our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones as they mourn this tragedy."

Williams was born in Buffalo, N.Y., and attended Syracuse. His 20 career receiving scores are tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison for the second-most in school history, trailing only former NFL All-Pro Rob Moore.

Williams was a fourth-round pick by the Buccaneers in the 2010 NFL Draft. He totaled 964 yards and a

career-high 11 touchdowns on 65 catches in 16 starts during his rookie campaign.

He totaled 3,089 yards and 26 scores in 63 career appearances. Williams spent his first four seasons with the Buccaneers. The Buccaneers traded Williams to the Bills in 2014.

Williams signed with the Chiefs during the 2016 off-season, but failed to make their regular-season roster.

"We are saddened to learn that former Bills Wide Receiver Mike Williams has passed away," the Bills said. "Our deepest condolences are with his friends and family."

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La Voz Latina

Braves' Ronald Acuna Jr. hits grand slam, becomes first MLB player to join 30-60 club

By Alex Butler
UPI

All-Star outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. became the first player in MLB history to hit 30 home runs and steal at least 60 bases in the same season with a grand slam in an Atlanta Braves win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Acuna, who entered the night with 29 homers and 61 steals, went 3 for 4 with four RBIs, a walk and a stolen base in the 8-7 win Thursday in Los Angeles.

"I feel privileged," Acuna told reporters. "I thank God for letting me play the game I love every single day. It's not just about me. It's about my teammates and the fanbase."

"We all share this moment."

Acuna hit a leadoff single to center field in the first at-bat of the game. The Dodgers took a 1-0 lead on a Max Muncy RBI ground out in the bottom of the first.

Braves designated hitter Marcell Ozuna started the second with a single to center. Dodgers starter Lance Lynn hit Braves catcher Sean Murphy with a pitch two at-bats later. Braves shortstop



Orlando Arcia singled in the next exchange.

Lynn then walked second baseman Nicky Lopez with the bases loaded, which brought in the Braves' first run and brought Acuna to the plate with the bases still filled.

The Braves star fouled off the first offering. He then watched two Lynn pitches miss the strike zone. Acuna fouled off the next offering. He then smacked a 2-2 fastball to left center field for a 429-foot grand slam, giving the Braves a 5-1 edge.

Braves third baseman Austin Riley hit a 407-foot solo homer two at-bats later for a 6-1 edge. Center fielder Michael Harris II hit a 421-foot solo shot in the top of the fifth to push the lead to six runs.

Dodgers star Mookie Betts, who is competing with Acuna in

the National League MVP race, hit a 367-foot, three-run homer in the bottom of the fifth, cutting the deficit to 7-4.

Harris answered with an RBI single in the top of the sixth, plating the Braves' final run. Dodgers designated hitter Michael Busch hit a 356-foot solo homer in the seventh. Betts walked to the plate two at-bats later and hit a 371-foot solo blast to make the score 8-6.

Muncy cut the deficit to one with another solo homer in the top of the eighth, but the Dodgers never scored again.

Betts went 2 for 4 with four RBIs, three runs scored and a walk in the loss. His two-homer night pushed his career total to 251. Harris went 2 for 5 with two RBIs and a run scored for the Braves. Riley went 2 for 5 with an RBI and a run scored.

Braves pitcher Spencer Strider allowed four hits and four runs over six innings to earn his MLB-best 16th win of the season. Lynn allowed seven hits and seven runs over 4 1/3 innings to drop to 10-10.

The Dodgers (83-50) will host the Braves (88-45) at 10:10 p.m. EDT Friday in Los Angeles.



LA Angels' Shohei Ohtani tears UCL, won't pitch again this season

By Alex Butler
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Los Angeles Angels pitcher/slugger Shohei Ohtani tore a ligament in his right elbow and won't throw from the mound again this season, general manager Perry Minasian told reporters.

Ohtani started the first game of a doubleheader against the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday in Anaheim, Calif. He left the mound in the middle of the second inning.

"Obviously Shohei, he left the game," Minasian told reporters in a postgame news conference. "We did imaging between games. He does have a tear."

"He won't pitch the rest of the year. We are going to get a second opinion and go from there, but it's obviously day-to-day. As far as plans and details, I don't have those yet."

Ohtani hit his 44th home run of the season in the first inning of the 9-4 loss. He went on to play, as a designated hitter, in the second game of the doubleheader. He went 1 for 5 with a double and a run scored in that 7-3 loss to the Reds.

"He played with this in 2018, but with that being said, we will take it day-by-day and see where it goes," Minasian said. "Obviously, it's disappointing news. I felt terrible for him, but it is what it is. If anybody can bounce back, it's him."

Ohtani leads MLB with 44 home runs. He hit .304 and drove in 91 runs through 126 games this season. As a pitcher, the three-time All-Star and 2021 American League MVP leads MLB with a .184 batting average against. He is 10-5 with a 3.14 ERA over his 23 starts. Ohtani's 167 strikeouts rank No. 5 in the American League.

The Angels star signed a 1-year, \$30 million contract in October, avoiding arbitration. He is set to become an unrestricted free agent this off-season.

Minasian told reporters Wednesday that he was in contact with Ohtani's representatives in regards to his injury.

The Angeles general manager also said star outfielder Mike Trout will return to the injured list. Trout returned from the injured list Tuesday after he missed 38 games because of a broken bone in his left hand.

"He tried to swing [Tuesday] and it didn't go well," Minasian said. "So we are going to put him back on the injured list, give him some rest and see how that goes."

The three-time MVP and 11-time All-Star hit .263 with 18 home runs and 44 RBIs through 82 games this season. Trout, who is under contract through 2030, is due more than \$37.1 million in annual salary through the remainder of that deal.

'Killers of the Flower Moon' trailer: Leonardo DiCaprio is torn between love, family

By Annie Martin
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Apple TV is gearing up for the release of *Flowers of the Killer Moon*.

The studio shared a final trailer for the Western crime drama Wednesday featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and Lily Gladstone.

Killers of the Flower Moon is based on the David Grann book of the same name. The film explores the murders of several Osage Nation members in the 1920s after oil was discovered on tribal land.

DiCaprio plays Ernest Burkhart, a war hero who returns home to Oklahoma, where he is welcomed by his ruthless uncle William Hale (Robert De Niro).

The trailer shows Ernest (DiCaprio) start a relationship with an Osage woman, Mollie Kyle (Gladstone), at his uncle's urging. Ernest is torn between love and family after Mollie's family falls victim in the killings.

"At the turn of the 20th century, oil brought a fortune to the Osage Nation, who became some of the richest people in the world overnight. The wealth of these Native Americans immediately attracted white interlopers, who manipulated, extorted, and stole as much Osage money as they could before resorting to murder," an official description reads.

Jesse Plemons, Tantoo Cardinal, John Lithgow and Brendan Fraser also star.

Killers of the Flower Moon is



written and directed by Martin Scorsese. The film will open in theaters Oct. 20 and later stream on Apple TV+.

Apple TV previously shared a trailer for the movie in July.

'The Kardashians': Kourtney, Kim clash in Season 4 trailer

By Annie Martin
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Hulu is giving a glimpse of *The Kardashians* Season 4.

The streaming service shared a trailer for the season Tuesday featuring Kris Jenner and her daughters Kourtney Kardashian, Kim Kardashian, Khloe Kardashian, Kendall Jenner and Kylie Jenner.

The preview shows Kourtney and Kim clash, with Kourtney calling Kim a "witch" and telling her, "I hate you."

Kourtney explains there's been a lot of "tension" with Kim and that she doesn't feel "understood."

In Season 3, Kourtney and Kim feuded over Kim's Dolce & Gabbana collaboration. Kourtney accused Kim of using her 2022 wedding to Travis Barker as a "business opportunity" with the fashion house.

The Season 4 trailer also shows Khloe going through "sensitive times" with her ex Tristan Thompson, the father of her two children, daughter True and son Tatum.

"From second chances and new beginnings to unexpected bless-



ings, they continue to bare it all together, a reminder that the most beautiful part of life is family," an

official description reads.

The Kardashians Season 4 premieres Sept. 28 on Hulu.