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Alabama man charged with threatening DA Fani Willis over Trump prosecution

By Darryl Coote
UPI

A federal grand jury in Atlanta has indicted a 59-year-old man on allegations that he sent Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis threatening messages over her prosecution of former President Donald Trump.

Arthur Ray Hanson of Huntsville, Ala., was indicted Wednesday on charges of transmitting interstate threats, the Justice Department said in a press release Monday.

The indictment states Hanson called the Fulton County customer services line twice on

Aug. 6 and left voice mails threatening violence against Willis and Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat.

"Watch it when you're going to the car at night, when you're going into your house, watch everywhere that your going," he told Willis in the message, according to an excerpt of the recording quoted by the Justice Department in its release.

"I would be very afraid if I were you because you can't be around people all the time that are going to protect you."

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FBI director warns Hamas-Israel conflict increases risk of attacks on Americans

By Casey Feindt
UPI

FBI Director Christopher Wray said on Tuesday that the Hamas-Israel conflict has heightened the risk of possible attacks against Americans to an unprecedented degree.

During a hearing held by the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, Wray said there has been a surge in terrorist organizations' calls for attacks on Western targets, with a specific focus on Jewish communities in both the United States and Europe.

He said that these threats could inspire violent extremists, operating as individuals or small groups, to carry out attacks on American soil.



"The reality is that the terrorism threat has been elevated throughout 2023, but the ongoing war in the

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Cornell University student arrested in connection with anti-Semitic threats

By Sheri Walsh
UPI

A student at Cornell University was arrested Tuesday and charged with posting anti-Semitic threats against the Ivy League school's Jewish community, according to

federal officials, as the university vowed to maintain heightened security on campus.

Patrick Dai, 21, a junior at Cornell, is expected to appear in federal court Wednesday in

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OPINION

5 strategic blunders have hampered U.S. foreign relations

By Harlan Ullman
UPI

With wars raging in Ukraine and Israel, escalation and disaster loom, probably more so than at any time during the last decade.

The Biden administration, so far, has been competent and sensible in responding to the war in the Middle East. However, Hezbollah and Iran continue to provoke Israel, attack U.S. forces in Syria and Iraq and could intervene on the side of Hamas.

In these circumstances, any decision the administration takes is laden with danger. Hence, examining the worst strategic blunders the United States has made over the past two decades could well inform the White House on how to avoid future disaster.

Five of the worst blunders have been arbitrarily chosen although readers, may have other nominees.

President George W. Bush was responsible for Numbers 1 and 3 blunders; President Barack Obama for Number 2; and President Donald Trump for 4 and 5. Given the many blunders America has made since the new century dawned, competition for selection was keen.

The attacks of Sept. 11 stunned and infuriated the country. Bush had no option except to respond decisively. U.S. forces were initially deployed into Afghanistan to neutralize al-Qaida and kill or capture Osama bin Laden.

The administration then embarked on the "Freedom Agenda," using the specter of weapons of mass destruction as the rationale for invading Iraq. The assumption was that by imposing democracy in Iraq, "the geostrategic framework of the Middle East would be forever altered." It did change, but for the worst.

Nation building was a disaster in Afghanistan. Democracy was impossible to impose on a tribal society. Similarly, the 2003 Iraq invasion provoked an insurgency that still lingers. Consequently, the combination of the decisions made after 9/11 that led to the interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq was the worst foreign policy blunder of this century and possibly much of the past one by bringing seemingly permanent turmoil to the Middle East with no respite in sight.

Number 3, made by Bush, was abrogating the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972. Bush entered office determined to improve missile defense. The ABM Treaty was a limitation. With its abrogation, U.S. and Russian relations were dealt what turned out to be the first fatal blow beginning an irreversible, steady disintegration. And Sept. 11 intervened.

Obama was chastised for declaring "red lines" on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad that were not enforced. However, the second-biggest U.S. foreign policy blunder was ordering a "strategic pivot" to Asia. Allies in Europe and NATO were surprised and shocked. In the Pacific, allies were terrified about the "pivot" making China an enemy. And that is what happened, guaranteed by Obama's National Security Strategy.

The military component of the strategy could not have been clearer. The aims were to deter and, if war came, defeat China, along with four other potential adversaries. How could China not assume it had become an American enemy, laying the predicate for the hostility that now defines the U.S.-China relationship?

Trump committed strategic blunders 4 and 5. Number 4 was cancellation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran. If honored by both sides, Iran would never -- repeat never -- obtain a nuclear weapon. Some might argue that this blunder could have been Number 2 or 3.

Iran could cheat. That was unlikely because of the intimate presence of the International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors and the installed surveillance system. But if Iran cheated, the treaty was useless. Withdrawal from the JCPOA has left no restraint on Iran producing nuclear weapons.

Number 5 was the imposition of tariffs on the imports of Chinese goods. A huge imbalance in the current account of goods and services favored China. Trump saw the trade imbalance as intolerable.

They Chanted 'by Any Means Necessary' — Is This What They Wanted?

Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel, ruthlessly killing over 1,000 Israelis in the name of their god and in furtherance of their desire for Israel's land. These savages -- as they may aptly be called -- in concert with Iran and their disjointed Palestinian allies, have a single-minded goal: to obliterate Israel and its people. The good news for Israel is that this might be the extent of the attackers' capabilities. However, they were caught off guard despite Israel's overwhelming might and strength. The pressing question on everyone's mind is how this could happen, given Israel's extensive spy network and technology that taps into conversations from every corner of the Middle East. How did they miss this?

The ongoing regional conflict, tracing its roots at least as far back as the early 1900s, witnessed another episode when Hamas launched an attack on Israel. We must acknowledge that this isn't necessarily a U.S. or Israeli intelligence failure. The nature of the attacks Israel experienced suggests that a group's work is more akin to a militia rather than a truly centralized, coordinated effort.

Militias present a unique challenge. Ironically, their lack of centralized coordination often renders their actions more unpredictable and thus harder to anticipate. This dynamic can be seen in places like Afghanistan, which has been colloquially termed "the graveyard of empires." The region's heavy reliance on militias to confront adversaries creates a treacherous environment for invading forces. The unpredictable nature of militias, with their varying degrees of sophistication, numerous units, and dispersed operations,

leaves armies essentially navigating in the dark, relying solely on the immediate intelligence gathered by their frontline troops.

The attacks on 9/11 serve as a reminder that even the mightiest superpowers can be caught off guard by small militia groups, no matter the intensity of their defense mechanisms. The events of that day were orchestrated by mere men armed with knives, and the fallout was arguably the most significant tragedy in American history. The U.S., in many ways like Israel, has thwarted countless plots -- many more than the general public would likely want to be aware of. However, it only takes one overlooked detail, one lapse in intelligence, to lead to immense repercussions.

In the current scenario, we see individuals soaring into Israel on motorized gliders, brandishing AK-47s. This is not a conventional army; it's not a group that can be sat down for negotiations. It's a stark contrast to the times of Henry Kissinger, where diplomatic shuffling could lead to treaties and conflict resolutions. In this situation, there's no room for such traditional diplomacy. The most viable course of action appears to be defense and retaliation, with the hope that lessons are learned. This way, if caught off guard again, the response can be more swift and effective.

The behavior exhibited by certain pro-Palestinian activists celebrating this brutality is nothing short

of appalling. These aren't advocates for peace or any noble cause; they seem to have lost all touch with humanity. Their behavior is akin to savages, taking pleasure in violence and parading their heinous actions as if collecting trophies. When groups like the New York City Democratic Socialists of America rally in support of these actions in places such as Times Square and outside the Israeli consulate, like they recently did, it's a chilling reminder of the depths of depravity some are willing to sink to. The terrifying reality is that there are backers for this kind of barbarity right on our doorstep.

I recently encountered a thought-provoking sentiment that offers a unique perspective on this conflict situation. It asks: "If both sides had the power to do whatever they wanted, what would they do?" Undeniably, Israel has a formidable military. If they so choose, they have the means to exert overwhelming force. In a day, Palestine could be wiped from the face of the Earth. Yet, they show restraint. This restraint is not merely out of fear of international condemnation but rooted in their national and humanistic values. These savages are different. If the roles were reversed, they would undoubtedly kill every Jew and Israeli; seeing dead Israeli bodies paraded around Palestine proves this point.

Advocates of this indiscriminate slaughter do so on the grounds that they consider it to be morally justifiable. The moral rationale behind engaging in ransacking followed by rape, murder, and subsequently parading their bodies is beyond my comprehension. Nevertheless, even assuming it was some-

how justifiable, we must remember that this is wholly based on a lie. These fringe organizations frequently express their support despite the fact that the media, which is remarkably more pro-Israeli today, regularly disseminates false information about this regional conflict. The notion that Israel intentionally targets Palestinian children and adults for slaughter is an absurdity that defies the facts.

Each time armaments and missiles are directed toward Israel, Israel retaliates by immobilizing these weapons. But, these terrorists house these weapons in schools and residential buildings. Does Israel bear responsibility for Hamas deliberately storing those weapons in schools with the intention of using the bodies of children as a defense mechanism? Must Israel simply allow their own children to be bombarded by rockets continually? These behaviors are consistent with criminal savages, not saints, and they do not deserve adoration. However, they are given it, and in this world, we will perpetually contend with savages and those who support them. Savages are doomed to exist. They are unresponsive to rationality.

I firmly believe that the overwhelming majority of Palestinians, like people everywhere, are good-hearted individuals seeking peaceful lives free from the constant shadow of conflict. The world needs more voices championing love over territory and unity over division. We should be promoting understanding and coexistence instead of allowing narrow political agendas to dictate our future. We must rise above the strife, come together, and shape a future filled with hope and prosperity for all.

Extreme weather is outpacing worst-case scenarios of forecasting

By Ravindra Jayaratne
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In the wake of the destructive Hurricane Otis, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment in the history of weather forecasting. The hurricane roared ashore with 165-mph winds and torrential rainfall, slamming into the coastal city of Acapulco, Mexico and claiming the lives of at least 48 people.

The speed at which Otis intensified was unprecedented. Within 12 hours, it went from a regular tropical storm to a "category 5" hurricane, the most powerful category and one which might occur only a few times worldwide each year.

This rare and alarming event, described by the U.S. National Hurricane Center as a "nightmare scenario," broke records for the fastest intensification rate over a 12-hour period in the eastern Pacific. Otis not only caught residents and authorities off-guard but also exposed the limitations of our current predictive tools.

I specialize in the study of natural disasters with the goal of improving our ability to predict them and ultimately to save lives. It is critical that we address the pressing concerns related to the tools we use for forecasting these catastrophic events, all while recognizing the significant influence of rapid climate change on our forecasting capabilities.

Predictive tools
At the core of weather forecasting are computer programs, or "models," that blend atmospheric variables such as temperature, humidity, wind and pressure, with fundamental physics.

Since the atmospheric processes are nonlinear, a small degree of uncertainty in initial atmospheric conditions can lead to a large discrepancy in final forecasts. That's why the general practice now is to forecast a set of possible scenarios rather than predict the single scenario most likely to occur.

But while these models are instrumental in issuing early warnings and evacu-

ation orders, they have fundamental limitations and carry a significant degree of uncertainty, especially when dealing with rare or extreme weather. This uncertainty arises from various factors including the fundamentally chaotic nature of the system.

First, the historical data is incomplete, since a hurricane such as Otis might occur only once in several millennia. We don't know when an east Pacific storm last turned into a category 5 hurricane overnight -- if ever -- but it was certainly before modern satellites and weather buoys. Our models struggle to account for these "1 in 1,000-year events" because we simply haven't observed them before.

The complex physics governing the weather also has to be simplified in these predictive models. While this approach is effective for common scenarios, it falls short when dealing with the intricacies of extreme events that involve rare combinations of variables and factors.

And then there are the

unknown unknowns: factors our models cannot account for because we are unaware of them, or they have not been integrated into our predictive frameworks. Unanticipated interactions among various climatic drivers can lead to unprecedented intensification, as was the case with Hurricane Otis.

Climate change
To all this we can add the problem of climate change and its impact on extreme weather. Hurricanes, in particular, are influenced by rising sea surface temperatures, which provides more energy for storms to form and intensify.

The connection between climate change and the intensification of hurricanes, coupled with other factors such as high precipitation or high tides, is becoming clearer.

With established weather patterns being altered, it is becoming even more challenging to predict the behavior of storms and their intensification. Historical data may no longer serve as a reliable guide.



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Charged

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Prosecutors said that he told Willis that her safety was in jeopardy if she went ahead with filing a fourth indictment against Trump, which she would do about a week after receiving the call.

“When you charge Trump on that fourth indictment, anytime you’re alone, be looking over your shoulder,” he is accused of having said in the voicemail.

He is also accused of leaving a threatening message for Labat on the same day. According to the Justice Department prosecutors, Hanson told Labat that “bad [expletives] gonna happen to you” if he takes Trump’s mugshot. The infamous mugshot was taken Aug. 24 when the former president presented himself to be booked into the Georgia jail.

Hanson is to be formally arraigned in Atlanta on Nov. 13.

“Sending interstate threats to physically harm prosecutors and law enforcement officers is a vile act intended to interfere with the administration of justice and intimidate individuals who accept a solemn duty to protect and safeguard the rights of citizens,” U.S. Attorney Ryan Buchanan said.

Trump and 18 other co-defendants were indicted by a Fulton County grand jury Aug. 14 on racketeering charges in connection to their alleged scheme to overturn the state’s 2020 presidential election.

Several of the defendants have since pleaded guilty.

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As economy continues to strengthen, Fed leaves interest rates unchanged



By Doug Cunningham
UPI

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday decided to leave interest rates unchanged as U.S. inflation decelerates but remains higher than the Fed's 2% target.

In a statement, the Fed said it decided "to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 5-1/4 to 5-1/2 percent."

The Fed said it remains "strongly committed to returning inflation to its 2 percent objective."

Stocks were mostly higher Wednesday as financial markets expected the Fed to hold interest rates steady, pausing its recent

campaign of raising interest rates to combat inflation.

The pause comes after 11 consecutive interest rate increases and as the strengthening U.S. economy continues to absorb the costs of interest rate hikes without slowing consumer spending.

Wall Street was looking for signs of what the Fed monetary policy is likely to be going forward.

The Fed statement Wednesday assessed the U.S. economy as strong and said job gains have moderated since earlier in the year but remain strong, and the unemployment level remained low inflation, while lower, is still

higher than the 2% target.

Wednesday was a busy day for economic data as The Treasury Department announced bond auctions to sell notes worth \$112 billion to finance debt and the private company ADP reported 110,000 jobs were created in September.

Ahead of the central bank policy meeting Wednesday Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the Fed was watching developments in Israel and Ukraine closely for risks to the U.S. economy.

Included in Fed policy calculations are surging Treasury yields, known to be a drag on the economy.

Supreme Court hears arguments over 'Trump Too Small' T-shirt trademark

By Joe Fisher
UPI

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing a case Wednesday over the use of former President Donald Trump's name in a trademark that plays off an old sore spot for the 2024 hopeful.

"Trump Too Small" is the phrase in question. California attorney Steve Elster is seeking a trademark for the phrase to be emblazoned on a T-shirt, according to Supreme Court documents. Trump is not actively involved in the case.

The back of the shirt critiques Trump's stances on a number of political issues, stating that he is "Small on" the environment, civil rights, immigrant rights, LGBTQ rights and more.

The question for the high court is whether refusing to grant a trademark if it consists of or comprises a name identifying a particular living individual without their consent is a violation of free speech.

Elster's trademark application was denied for mentioning a living person without their consent.



"The mark criticizes Trump by using a double entendre, invoking a widely publicized exchange from a 2016 Republican primary debate in which Trump commented about his anatomy, while also expressing Elster's view about the smallness of Donald Trump's overall approach to governing as president of the United States," Elster's attorney explained in a court filing.

The "publicized exchange" refers to a back-and-forth between Trump and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., who chided his Republican primary opponent for having small hands.

Trump endured a similar insult nearly 30 years before the remarks from

Rubio. In a 1988 piece by Vanity Fair editor Graydon Carter, the editor described Trump as a "short-fingered vulgarian."

The Supreme Court has previously fallen on the side of free speech when ruling on other trademark cases. In 2016, it ruled against part of the Lanham Act which would have denied trademark protection for terms that disparage any person, living or dead.

In Justice Samuel Alito's majority opinion, the court said, "Holding that the registration of a trademark converts the mark into government speech would constitute a huge and dangerous extension of the government-speech doctrine."



New York's U.S. Rep. George Santos faces second expulsion vote in House

By Amy R. Connolly
UPI

The House of Representatives is expected to vote Wednesday to expel Rep. George Santos after five Republican congressmen from New York sent a letter pushing his ouster.

The letter, signed by first-term Reps. Mike Lawler, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, Marcus Molinaro and Brandon Williams, said removing Santos, R-N.Y. would allow voters to elect a replacement quickly.

New York state law mandates a special election would be held in about 100 days (mid-February), they said.

Some members of Congress have said they worry that ejecting Santos before a

criminal proceeding or a House Ethics Committee report would set a dangerous precedent.

"This issue is not a political one, but a moral one," they wrote. "Plain and simple--this is a question of right and wrong."

On Friday, Santos pleaded not guilty to a 23-count federal indictment, which included new and existing charges of unlawful monetary transactions, stealing identities and credit card information from donors, and reporting a false \$500,000 campaign loan.

The vote on Wednesday would require a two-thirds majority. It will be the second time the House will try to determine if Santos should keep his seat while he faces felony charges and an ethics inquiry.

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upstate New York on a federal criminal complaint charging him with "posting threats to kill or injure another using interstate communications."

According to the complaint, Dai is accused of posting threatening messages on a Cornell online discussion site. He allegedly called for the deaths of Jewish people and

in one post said "gonna shoot up 104 west," which is a university dining hall that caters to Kosher diets and is located next to the Cornell Jewish Center on the Ithaca, N.Y., campus.

The complaint also alleges Dai threatened to "bring an assault rifle to campus" and threatened to "stab and rape" Jewish students.

If convicted on the charge, Dai could face up to five years in prison along with a fine of up to \$250,000.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul confirmed Tuesday that a person of interest was in the custody of New York State Police.

"Public safety is my top priority," the governor said, "and I'm committed to combatting hate and bias wherever it rears its ugly head."

Cornell vowed to maintain heightened security on campus, according to Joel Malina, vice president for university relations.

"Cornell University is grateful

to the FBI for working so swiftly to identify and apprehend the suspect in this case, a Cornell student, who remains in custody," Malina said in a statement Tuesday.

"We remain shocked by and condemn these horrific, anti-Semitic threats and believe they should be prosecuted to the full extend of the law," he added.

Earlier this week, Hochul also ordered increased security on campuses across New York, as Cornell promised to reinforce

the university's culture of trust, respect and safety.

"The virulence and destructiveness of anti-Semitism is real and deeply impacting our Jewish students, faculty and staff, as well as the entire Cornell community," Cornell president Martha Pollock said in a statement. "This incident highlights the need to combat the forces that are dividing us and driving us toward hate. This cannot be what defines us at Cornell"



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Congressman Don Davis Welcomes Military Affairs and Hispanic Outreach Director to District Office Team

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Today, U.S. Congressman Don Davis (NC-01) issued the following statement announcing Robert Lee Kruger's hiring to work at his Greenville office. Kruger is a veteran, fluent in Spanish, and will act as Caseworker/Military Affairs, Veteran, and Hispanic Constituent Outreach Director. In this role, he will assist constituents with agency casework issues and manage outreach programs for military, veteran, and Hispanic communities.



"I am thrilled to welcome Robert Lee Kruger to the team. He has an extensive background in service to our state and nation," said Congressman Don Davis. "As a veteran, Robert Lee understands the challenges and concerns veterans and active-duty servicemembers face. He is committed to ensuring our veterans receive the benefits and assistance they have earned, and we look forward to him leading the charge with outreach to our Hispanic communities, furthering our mission to ensure that everyone in North Carolina's First Congressional District receives the assistance and care they deserve."

Kruger enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1997, serving on several assignments, including Desk Sergeant and Armorer at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska and Area

Supervisor 55th Security Forces Squadron in Homestead, Florida, before enlisting into the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in April 2006. His many assignments included serving as an Electronic Warfare Officer, Law Enforcement Petty Officer of the Cutter, Training Team member, Combat Information Chief Supervisor, and Shipboard Rescue Swimmer while serving in the USCG. Kruger served two tours in the Middle East and retired as Chief Petty Officer (CPO). After retiring from the USCG, he assumed the role of Director of Veteran Services in Northampton County, North Carolina. He holds accreditation from the North Carolina Department of Veteran Affairs as a Veteran Services Officer with the North Carolina Department of Veteran Affairs and the American Legion.

Kamala Harris to announce global AI safety initiatives

By A.L. Lee
UPI

Vice President Kamala Harris will announce a series of new global initiatives on artificial intelligence Wednesday during a major tech policy speech at the Global Summit on AI Safety in London.

During a pre-conference address, Harris was expected to call on world governments to prioritize immediate measures to curtail short term AI threats, like misinformation and racial discrimination,

rather than focusing solely on what could become a threat in the future.

In a statement released before the speech, Harris said speculative AI risks are "without question profound, and demand global action. But let us be clear, there are additional threats that also demand our action, threats that are currently causing harm and which, to many people, also feel existential."

In a major action, Harris will announce the establishment of the U.S. AI Safety

Institute, which will operate as a branch of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in developing AI evaluation tools, guidelines and best practices to mitigate risks internationally and involve experts from various tech sectors.

The vice president is also set to unveil a declaration signed by 30 nations, including the United States, to endorse the responsible military use of artificial intelligence, a discussion that has recently fueled concerns of a modern tech-based cold war.

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Middle East has raised the treat of an attack against Americans in the United States to a (another) level," he said. "Since the horrific terrorist attacks committed by Hamas against innocent people in Israel a few weeks ago, we have been working around the clock to support our partners there and to protect Americans here at home."

To counter these threats, he said that the FBI has taken proactive measures,

addressing these possibilities with a deep sense of urgency.

"This is a threat that is reaching, in some way, sort of historic levels," he explained. "In part, because ... the Jewish community is targeted by terrorists across the spectrum."

Wray pointed out that, even though the Jewish community constitutes just 2.4% of the American population, they endure a disproportionate 60% of all religious-based hate crimes.

He says the growing threat landscape under-

scores the need for continued vigilance and cooperation between security agencies and the public to safeguard against potential acts of terrorism.

In the weeks following the conflict, there has been a notable increase in both antisemitic and Islamophobic attacks within the United States.

The Anti-Defamation League has documented an alarming 388 percent increase in antisemitic incidents when compared to the corresponding period from the previous year, as reported by The Hill.

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Las Vegas Raiders fire coach Josh McDaniels, GM Dave Ziegler

By Alex Butler
UPI

After a 3-5 season start, the Las Vegas Raiders fired coach Josh McDaniels and

general manager Dave Ziegler, the team said.

The Raiders announced the moves Tuesday night. They named Antonio Pierce their interim coach. Pierce

previously served as Raiders linebackers coach.

"After much thought about what the Raiders need to move forward, I have decided to part ways with Josh

and Dave," Raiders owner Mark Davis said in a news release.

The Raiders hired McDaniels in 2022. He led the team to a 6-11 record in

his first season. The Raiders won their 2023 season opener against the Denver Broncos. They then lost their next three games to the Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers and Los Angeles Chargers.

The Raiders beat the Green Bay Packers and New England Patriots in Week 5 and Week 6, respectively. They lost their last two meetings in Week 7 and Week 8 to the Chicago Bears and then the Detroit Lions.

McDaniels also was fired after posting an 11-17 re-

cord in two seasons as coach of the Broncos in 2009 and 2010. He spent the majority of his NFL career as offensive coordinator of the Patriots.

Ziegler also joined the Raiders in 2022, replacing former general manager Mike Mayock. He previously worked in player personnel and as a scout for the Patriots and Broncos.

The Raiders will host the New York Giants at 4:25 p.m. EST Sunday in Las Vegas.



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Former NFL player Sergio Brown remains jailed while awaiting trial in mom's slaying

By Mark Moran
UPI

Former NFL player Sergio Brown will remain behind bars without bail until his trial on charges that he killed his mother and hid her body, Circuit Court Judge Teresa Gonzalez ruled.

The 35-year-old Sergio Brown was arrested October 10 in San Diego while re-entering the United States from Mexico and was then extradited to the Chicago suburb of Maywood, where he was charged with first-degree murder and concealing the body of his mother, Myrtle Brown, the Cook County State's Attorney said.

Gonzalez said there were several factors that led to her decision to remand Brown without bail, saying the former NFL player poses a "real and present threat to the community."

Brown was in restraints and wearing red shorts and white sweatshirt during a brief court appearance on Wednesday, and spoke only to answer one question from Gonzalez.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office said Myrtle Brown died from injuries consistent with an assault, and the manner of death was ruled a homicide, according to spokesperson Natalia Derevyanny.

New documents submitted this week by the office also provide new details on her death, alleging she was killed by blunt force trauma, wrapped in a sheet and left outside her home.

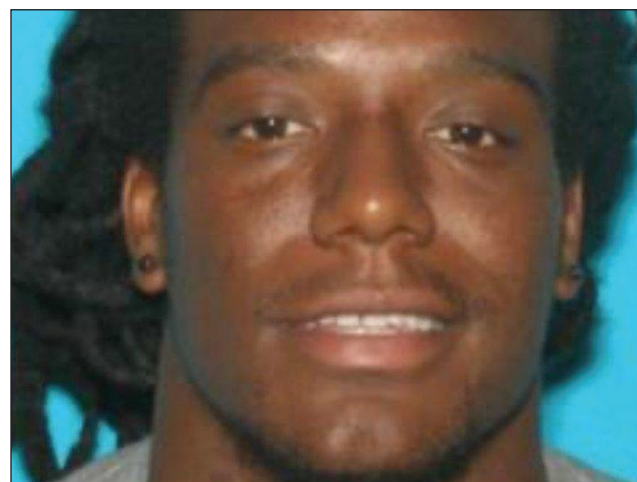
73-year-old Myrtle Brown was last reported seen alive about 6 p.m. on September 14 at the home she and her son shared outside Chicago, police said.

Court documents say Myrtle Brown's other son last spoke to his mother around 3 p.m. that day and said he began to worry after she stopped answering his text messages.

That son reportedly checked on the home early in the morning on September 16 but found the house empty, without any sign of forced entry, the court filing said.

Later that day, police went to search the home after relatives reported Myrtle Brown and Sergio Brown missing when they had not been able to find or contact the pair, police said.

Neighbors began searching and found Myrtle Brown's body less than 50 feet from the house.




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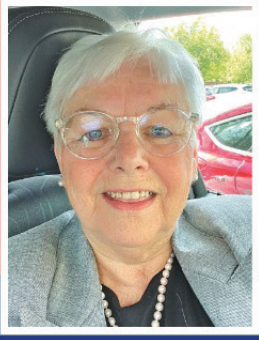
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Rangers dominate Diamondbacks, take 3-1 lead in World Series

By Alex Butler
 UPI

Marcus Semien tripled and Corey Seager homered in consecutive at-bats, plating five early runs for the Texas Rangers in a dominant win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday in Game 4 of the World Series.

The Rangers followed their five-run second inning with another five runs in the third en route to their 11-7 triumph at Chase Field in Phoenix. They are now just one win away from clinching the first World Series in franchise history.

“Any time you put yourself in this position, it’s where you want to be,” Seager said on the Fox broadcast.

Semien went 2 for 5, with a home run, in addition this triple. The star second baseman drove in five runs. Seager, who became the first shortstop to hit at least



Kyle Nelson replaced Castro for the next exchange. Seager hit Nelson’s second pitch of the night to center field for a 431-foot, two run homer.

Jankowski started the scoring in the third when he ripped a 1-1 cutter from relief pitcher Luis Frias to right field for a two-run double. Semien hit a 383-foot, three-run homer two pitches later for a 10-0 lead.

The Diamondbacks put their first run on the scoreboard when left fielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit an RBI sacrifice fly in the fourth. Rangers catcher Jonah Heim then led off the eighth with a 377-foot solo homer to right field, pushing the advantage back to 10 runs.

Designated hitter Tommy Pham plated the Diamondbacks’ second run with an RBI sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth. Gurriel followed with a 382-foot, two-run homer.

Rangers relief pitcher Will Smith walked Jordan Lawlar to start the bottom of the ninth. He allowed a Perdomo single in the next exchange. Smith then settled and struck out second baseman Ketel Marte and outfielder Corbin Carroll.

Fellow Rangers reliever Jose Leclerc replaced Smith to face Gabriel Moreno in the next exchange.

The Diamondbacks catcher ripped the fifth pitch of that exchange up the middle for a two-run single. Leclerc then secured the victory by forcing first baseman Christian Walker to pop out in foul territory.

Walker went 3 for 5 with a run scored in the loss. Gurriel went 2 for 3 with four RBIs and a run scored. Marte also recorded to hits for the Diamondbacks.

Game 5 of the best-of-seven game series will be at 8:03 p.m. EDT Wednesday in Phoenix. The game will air on Fox.

three home runs in a single World Series, went 2 for 5 with two RBIs. Third baseman Josh Jung recorded three hits. Outfielder Travis Jankowski recored a two-run-double.

Rangers starter Andrew Heaney allowed four hits and one run over five innings.

Jung hit a leadoff double in the

top of the second. He came around to score the game’s first run on a wild pitch from Diamondbacks starter Miguel Castro. Castro then issued a walk to center fielder Leody Taveras and allowed a Jankowski single.

Semien ripped his two-run trip to left field in the next at-bat, giving the Rangers a 3-0 edge.

Clippers to trade for 76ers star James Harden

By Alex Butler
 UPI

The Philadelphia 76ers agreed to trade James Harden to the Los Angeles Clippers as part of a deal that also includes the Oklahoma City Thunder, seven players and several draft picks, a league source told UPI on Tuesday.

Harden, who was involved in a public feud with 76ers president Daryl Mo-

rey and requested a trade this off-season, will unite with former teammate Russell Westbrook and fellow All-Stars Kawhi Leonard and Paul George on a revamped Clippers roster.

The 76ers also agreed to send forward P.J. Tucker and center Filip Petrusev to the Clippers. The Clippers will send forwards Marcus Morris, Robert Covington, Nic Batum and K.J. Martin,

an unprotected first-round pick in the 2028 NBA Draft and two second-round picks to the 76ers. The teams also agreed to swap picks in the 2029 NBA Draft.

Harden, who has not played this season, averaged 21 points, a league-high 10.7 assists and 6.1 rebounds per game in 58 appearances last season for the 76ers. He joined the 76ers in a 2022 trade from the Brooklyn Nets.

The 2017-18 NBA MVP also was traded in 2021 and 2012. The 10-time All-Star, seven-time All-NBA selection, three-time scoring champion and two-time assist champion is set to join his fifth different team since 2021.

The 34-year-old guard opted into a \$35.6 million player option in June for the 2023-24 season.

Tucker, 38, averaged just 2.0 points and 4.7 rebounds

per game in three appearances this season for the 76ers. Petrusev, 23, did not score in his lone appearance this season for the 76ers.

Morris, 34, averaged 11.2 points and 4.0 rebounds per game in 65 appearances last season for the Clippers, but has not played this season.

Covington, 32, averaged 3.0 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game through the Clippers’ first

three games. Batum, 34, averaged 2.7 points, 2.3 rebounds and 1.7 assists in those three games. Martin, 22, averaged 5.0 points and 1.5 rebounds in two appearances this season.

The Clippers (2-1) will host the Orlando Magic (2-1) at 10:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday in Los Angeles. The

76ers (2-1) will host the Toronto Raptors (1-3) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Philadelphia.

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FIFA bans Spain's Luis Rubiales for 3 years for Jenni Hermoso World Cup kiss

By Alex Butler
UPI

FIFA issued a 3-year ban from all soccer-related activities to former Spanish Football Association president Luis Rubiales for his kiss of Jenni Hermoso at the 2023 World Cup, the sport's governing body announced Monday.

FIFA's disciplinary committee said Rubiales acted in breach of article 13 of its disciplinary code, offensive behavior and violations of the principles of fair play. Rubiales can appeal the decision.

"Mr. Rubiales has been notified of the terms of the FIFA disciplinary committee's decision today," FIFA said in a news release.

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA disciplinary code, he has 10 days in which to request a motivated decision, which, if requested, would subsequently be published on legal.fifa.com."

Rubiales kissed Hermoso, who maintains the action was not consensual, on the stage during the trophy presentation for Spain's 1-0 win over England in the World Cup final Aug. 20 in Sydney. He was caught on camera as he pulled her head forward with both hands and kissed her on the lips.

FIFA opened disciplinary proceedings against Rubiales days later and went on to issue an initial three-month suspension Aug. 26. Rubiales, who maintains his innocence, refused to resign and accused Hermoso of lying, stepped down Sept. 10.

Five days later, a judge in Spain approved a restraining order that bars Rubiales from being within 600 feet of Hermoso and from contacting her during an investigation linked to a sexual assault complaint a prosecutor filed against the former Spanish soccer boss.

Hermoso, her teammates and Spanish Football Association officials have testified as part of that investigation.

"FIFA reiterates its absolute commitment to respecting and protecting the integrity of all people and ensuring that the basic rules of decent conduct are upheld," FIFA said.

Argentina coach deems Lionel Messi 'healthy' after two-goal performance

By Alex Butler
UPI

Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni declared Lionel Messi healthy again after the soccer sensation scored twice and played every minute in a win over Peru in a World Cup qualifier.

Messi scored in the 32nd and 42nd minutes of the 2-0 victory Tuesday in Lima.

"The most important thing is that he is healthy," Scaloni told reporters. "That is the best thing. He is managing his minutes alone."

The seven-time Ballon d'Or winner hadn't started for Argentina or MLS club Inter Miami since Sept. 20. Messi aggravated a leg injury in that Inter Miami victory and left the field before halftime.

He returned to the field Oct. 7 as a substitute for the Herons. He also appeared as a substitute Thursday in Argentina's 1-0 win over Paraguay. He missed four MLS games since his Sept. 20 exit.

The Argentine appeared back in form throughout Tuesday's match. He sent his first close attempt just to the right of the right post in the fourth minute. Peru goalie Pedro Gallese saved a Messi free kick in the 11th minute. Messi finally broke through about 20 minutes later.

The striker sent a pass from the right flank to midfield, finding winger Enzo Fernandez to start the sequence. Fernandez covered major ground with a rapid dribble forward. He then slid a feed to his



left, ahead for Nicolas Gonzalez. The Argentine forward used a first-touch pass to split defenders, finding Messi just as he ran into the box.

Messi finished the play with a one-touch dart into the upper-right corner of the net, beating a diving Gallese.

He doubled Argentina's lead about 10 minutes later. Fernandez chased down a pass inside the Peru box to set up that score. He then left a pass back for striker Julian Alvarez, who led the ball roll toward Messi.

Messi used his left boot to fire a shot inside the near post to finish that play. He looked to complete a hat trick in the second half, but could not find the net for a third time.

Messi's two goals Tuesday pushed his CONMEBOL World Cup qualifier career total to 31, passing Uruguay's Luis Suarez (29) for the most in history.

Argentina will face Uruguay on Nov. 16 in another World Cup qualifier.

Inter Miami will host FC Charlotte in an MLS match at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Herons, who are eliminated from playoff contention, will wrap up their regular season against OKthe same team Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

"It's a shame, we were close," Messi told reporters Tuesday. "I missed the last few games. We had several injuries. The month of July was very hard for us because we played every three days. We traveled, but we got an important [trophy] for the club."

Herons coach Tata Martino told reporters Tuesday that he will evaluate Messi to decide if he will play in the final matches of the season. Messi said he plans to train and hinted that he will play again this season for the Herons.

New research helps date ancient art in Puerto Rico's karstic caves



By Casey Feindt
UPI

A new study to be presented Wednesday at a Geological Society of America meeting suggests that some of the earliest drawings in Puerto Rican caves are thousands of years old.

The drawings in the karstic caves could indicate the presence of the first slave art, researchers said.

The Geological Society said previous attempts to date the cave art were based on comparisons with nearby archaeological artifacts and may not have accurately represented the true timeframe of the art's creation.

Angel Acosta-Colon, a geo-

physicist at University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo, and his colleague Reniel Rodríguez, an archaeologist at UPR Utuado, traveled to almost a dozen caves on La Isla Grande, the largest island in the Puerto Rican archipelago, to collect sample pigments of the pictographic art.

The samples then underwent carbon-14 dating at the Center for Applied Isotope Studies at the University of Georgia. There, the research team discovered that the earliest abstract pictographs in the caves dated to about 700 to 400 BCE.

"That is very important to us because when the European invasion came to Puerto Rico, they put in a document that

our precolonial population was only there for 400 to 500 years," Acosta-Colon said in a press release.

"This proves that we were here [thousands] of years before the European invasion, and that is documented in science, not context archeology...We have data to corroborate what, I think, is one of the first slave art in caves in Puerto Rico."

Acosta-Colon said the findings carry significant implications for comprehending the history of Puerto Rico's population.

In the future, he believes further exploration of additional cave art sites might extend the human history record in Puerto Rico back to 5000 BCE.



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