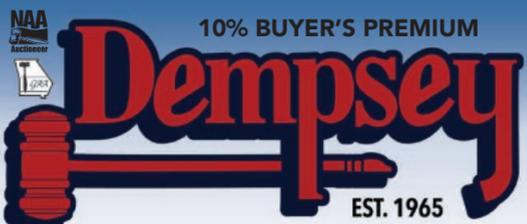


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CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

Trump facing historic charges

Indictment carries grave legal, political consequences

ERIC TUCKER, JILL COLVIN AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
 Associated Press

MIAMI — Donald Trump improperly stored in his Florida estate sensitive documents on nuclear capabilities, repeatedly

enlisted aides and lawyers to help him hide records demanded by investigators and cavalierly showed off a Pentagon “plan of attack” and classified map, according to a sweeping felony indictment that paints a damning portrait of the former president’s treatment of national security information.

The conduct alleged in the historic indictment — the first federal case against a former president — cuts to the heart of

any president’s responsibility to safeguard the government’s most valuable secrets. Prosecutors say the documents he stowed, refused to return and in some cases showed to visitors risked jeopardizing not only relations with foreign nations but also the safety of troops and confidential sources.

“Our laws that protect national defense information are critical to the safety and security of the

United States and they must be enforced,” Jack Smith, the Justice Department special counsel who filed the case, said Friday in his first public statements. “Violations of those laws put our country at risk.”

Trump, who is the leading contender for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, is due to make his first court appearance Tuesday afternoon in Miami. In a rare bit of good news for Trump,

the judge initially assigned to the case is Aileen Cannon, someone he appointed and who drew criticism for rulings in his favor during a dispute last year over a special master assigned to review the seized classified documents. Meanwhile, two lawyers who worked the case for months announced Friday that they had resigned from the legal team.

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Referee Anthony Ryan watches a ball during a match on day four of the USA Pickleball Atlantic South Regional Championship in Opelika on Friday, June 9, 2023.

Adaptative player to make history as USA Pickleball referee

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Pickleball continues to make headlines as the sport grows throughout the country attracting more players to pick up a racket.

After 2023 USA Pickleball Atlantic South Diamond Regional tournament in Opelika ends on Sunday, pickleball athlete Anthony Ryan could become an accredited USA Pickleball referee. He'll call matches during this week's tournament and certified

referees will deem if he's ready to become a level one ref. If he is, he'll become the first person in a wheelchair to become a USA Pickleball referee.

“I'm mainly concerned. It's not with the fact that I'm in a chair, but with making sure that I'm educating myself properly, preparing properly and continuing to get better at what I'm here to do. I want to be recognized not as a referee in a wheelchair, but as a referee,” Ryan said.

If Ryan is able to encourage

others to try out the sport or work to become a referee, he said that's an added bonus.

“As I continue to advance in the world of pickleball, I think there's a certain level of responsibility that comes with that,” he said. “If other people don't see faces that they can relate to in the world of pickleball, then what reason would they have to want to be involved in it.”

The first pickleball tournament in the world dates back to 1976. By 2023, The Sports &

Fitness Industry Association, reported that there are more than 8.9 million players in the U.S. There's not much data that reflects the number of adaptive players, but it's safe to say there's a shortage.

Ryan said he's not sure why there aren't more adaptive players but suggested it could be because they've already found their niche in a different sport.

“As far as playing, I would

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Minority voters hope ruling expands representation

GARY FIELDS
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many minority lawmakers and voting rights activists see this week's Supreme Court decision ordering Alabama to redraw its congressional districts as a stunning victory with the potential to become a major stepping stone for undoing political maps that dilute the strength of communities of color.

Hank Sanders, a former Alabama state lawmaker, knew there would be a decision since the court heard arguments in the case last fall. He did not anticipate being happy with the outcome, given the conservative-leaning court's previous rulings essentially gutted some of the most important provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

“I was afraid they were going to go ahead and wipe out section 2,” he said, referring to the part of the law at stake in the Alabama case.

He was at his law office Thursday in Selma, scene of one of the most pivotal moments in the Civil Rights Movement, when news of the 5-4 ruling in favor of Alabama's Black voters was announced.

“It was a surprise that was good for my day,” he said.

How the decision will affect similar lawsuits against political maps drawn in other states is unclear, though voting rights groups say the ruling provides firm guidance for lower courts to follow.

The court majority found that Alabama concentrated Black voters in one district, while spreading them out among the others to make it much more difficult to elect more than one

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Things to do this weekend

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Are you looking for something to do this weekend?

There's something for everyone whether you're looking to attend a sporting event, enjoy a night out in downtown Auburn or show support for stopping violence.

You can catch a game of pickleball at the USA Pickleball Atlantic South Diamond Regional tournament at the Opelika Pickleball Facility this weekend. The City of Auburn is also hosting a youth baseball tournament and the USTA Southern 40's League Championship.

On Saturday afternoon, you can mingle, listen to music and let your voice be heard at the the "Stop the Violence Fun and Fellowship Day" in Opelika.

Here's a list of things you can do in the Opelika-Auburn region this weekend:

All weekend long USA Pickleball Atlantic South Diamond Regional: From Tuesday to

Sunday, there will be a 8 a.m. meet every day at the Opelika Pickleball Facility at 1001 Andrews Road. It's free to attend. Players participating in this tournament compete to qualify for the 2023 USA Pickleball National Amateur Championship later this year. For more info, visit the USA Pickleball's website.

Braves Country Battles: The Braves Country Battles youth baseball tournament will be held from now until Sunday at Auburn's Duck Samford Park at 1720 East University Drive. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, \$7 for kids ages 7 - 12, and free for kids ages 6 and younger. For more information, visit the Braves Country Battles' website.

USTA Southern 40's League Championship: The United States Tennis Association's Southern 40's League Championship will be held from now until Sunday at the Yarbrough Tennis Center at 777 Yarbrough Farms Blvd. in Auburn. For more info, visit the USTA's website.

Saturday Science on Saturdays—Raptors: As a part of it's Science on Saturdays program, the Southeastern Raptor Center will feature guest speakers and live raptors from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Keher Preserve and Nature Center at 2222 North College Street. Attendees will learn about raptors and the challenges they face. General admission for this Auburn event is \$5. Its \$4 for members and free for children 3 and younger. For more information, visit the Keher Preserve and Nature Center's Facebook Page.

CityMarket: From 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., local vendors will sell fresh produce and handmade products in Auburn at the Town Creek Park at 1150 South Gay Street. For more information, visit the City of Auburn's website.

Self-Care Saturday: From 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. an open-level yoga class with Paulina Arroyo will be held at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Arts, 901 South College Street in Auburn. It's free to attend. To register to attend, visit the Jule Collins Smith Museum website.

Covington Children's Carnival: From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Covington Recreation Center on Carver Avenue will host an event with carnival games, giant slides, bounce houses, a petting zoo, pony rides, a DJ, concessions and food trucks. It's free to attend. For more info, visit the City of Opelika's website.

Stop the Violence Fun and Fellowship Day: From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. the Samford Community Outreach Group in Opelika will host the "Stop the Violence Fun and Fellowship Day" at Bandy Park at 300 Jeter Ave. The event includes a peace march and rally, youth talent showcase, free food, and outdoor activities. It's free to attend. Visit our story for more info.

Super Sunday Rides: From 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, you can join the Super Sunday Rides, a bike ride at the Chewacla State Park at 124 Shell Toomer Parkway in Auburn. The cost to enter the state park is as follows: \$4 for adults, \$2 for senior adults and children ages 4 to 11 and free for children age 4 or younger. For more info, visit the Auburn-Opelika Tourism's website.

Sunday Super Sunday Rides: From 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, you can join the Super Sunday Rides, a bike ride at the Chewacla State Park at 124 Shell Toomer Parkway in Auburn. The cost to enter the state park is as follows: \$4 for adults, \$2 for senior adults and children ages 4 to 11 and free for children age 4 or younger. For more info, visit the Auburn-Opelika Tourism's website.

Willie Lou Mayfield

April 30, 1928 - June 7, 2023



Willie Lou Mayfield, 95, a former resident of Lilburn, GA, was born on April 30, 1928, in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, and passed away on June 7, 2023. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, great friend, and dedicated wife to Hayward E. Mayfield who were married on Dec. 16, 1950, for 70 years. Mrs. Mayfield was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, Homer and Berta Lynn; her brother, Billy Lynn; her sisters, Blanche L. Cox and Peggy Ann Lynn; and her

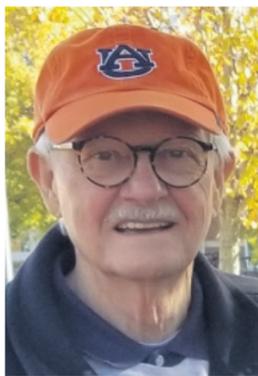
precious daughter, Beverly Ann Mayfield. She is survived by her son, Michael E. (Rhonda) Mayfield; her grandchildren, Jennifer L. Mayfield, Matthew E. Mayfield, Amy Mayfield; and many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. She grew up in the Reeltown area and graduated from Reeltown High School. After high school, she went to work in the cotton mill where she met her future husband. After they married, she helped send him to college at Auburn where he graduated. She then traveled with her husband in support of his work while raising two wonderful children. They settled in Nashville, TN, prior to permanently retiring in Lilburn, GA, where their son and family resided. Since they were Christians, there is no doubt that they passed through the pearly gates without a hitch. They are enjoying all the fruits that were waiting for them as quintessential examples for fellow Christians to follow during the time they spent here on Earth. Graveside services will be Friday, June 9, 2023, at 12 noon in Reeltown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

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Dr. Karl Lindsey Monroe

October 9, 1938 - June 7, 2023



Dr. Lindsey Monroe, 84, passed away June 7, 2023, at his home in Anniston, Alabama.

Dr. Monroe was raised in Auburn, Alabama. He attended Auburn High School and Auburn University before earning his Doctor of Medical Dentistry at the University of Alabama Birmingham. He served as a dentist in the U.S. Army in Fairbanks, Alaska, before moving to Anniston, Alabama, where he practiced dentistry until his retirement in June of 2022.

Dr. Monroe was preceded in death by his parents, Nina Pharr Monroe and Samuel Ray Monroe; and his brothers, Willard Pharr Monroe and Samuel Ray Monroe Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Linda O'Dell Monroe; children, Leigh Monroe Barall and her husband, Samuel Louis Barall, of Birmingham, AL, Kenneth "Kenny" Harvey Mount and Carolyn Elizabeth Monk; granddaughter, MaryElise Frances Mount, of Anniston, AL; nephews, John Michael "Mike" Monroe of Birmingham, AL, Wade Alan Monroe Sr. of Anniston, AL, and Samuel Ray Monroe III of Hampton, TN; and niece, Margaret Monroe Crocker, of Auburn, AL.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed membership in many organizations and honor societies. During his time at Auburn University, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, The Spade Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, President of Interfraternity Council, and was a member of the Auburn Knights Orchestra. While in dental school at UAB, he was a member of the Psi Omega fraternity.

He was passionate about dentistry and became a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry in 1991 and a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry 1997. He had many accreditations and continued his education and studies, even after he retired. He felt blessed to work with many generations of patients throughout his practice.

Lindsey enjoyed sports, especially the Atlanta Braves, and any Auburn University sporting event. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors fly fishing and turkey hunting. His dearest companion was his golden retriever, Bob, who accompanied him everywhere he went. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who cherished every moment with his family. This kind, compassionate, caring gentleman will certainly be missed by all who were blessed to have known him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to America's Tooth Fairy (www.americastoothfairy.org) or The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).

The family will have a private service at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.klbrownmemorychapel.com.

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just say that if you're already an adaptive athlete and you're already involved in a lot of other sports, at least come try pickleball," he said. "I've tried all of the adaptive sports out there just about, and pickleball is the first one, I feel for me, that was truly addictive."

Ryan has explored various adaptive sports throughout his life including basketball, sled hockey, waterskiing and more. He fell in love with wheelchair tennis first and played in tournaments in the U.S. and Canada for about 12 years.

Later, he discovered pickleball, looked for somewhere he could learn to play and began playing in tournaments with his brother in 2020. During his time competing, he said he'd never played against another wheelchair player until a tournament in Dallas in May 2023.

As an wheelchair pickleball player, Ryan said he has faced some challenges.

"I don't think there's enough players in chairs to have established a level of exposure where people know what to expect," he said. "I run into a lot of resistance where people don't know how to handle the situation."

Ryan believes the way to help able-bodied athletes become comfortable with competing against adaptive athletes is through exposure.

Recognizing that he's in a position to help grow

the sport in that area, Ryan thinks one way to do that is by reaching out to younger athletes. While he has an interest in helping on that front, right now he's focused on working his way up to become the best referee he can.

Ryan got interested in becoming a referee for the sport after he started watching professional pickleball matches on TV. He got connected to Norman Clinkscales, a certified USA Pickleball referee, who became his mentor.

Clinkscales has been refereeing amateurs and professionals for almost two years and became certified to teach and train new referees about one year ago.

Clinkscales said he asked Ryan to come to the tournament in Opelika to get experience and to earn his first level of credentials. To be certified, candidates must have experience refereeing at least 20 matches.

"I love to teach and I love to teach anybody," Clinkscales said. "Anthony is smart, receptive, a sponge for information and he's a lot of fun to be around. He fits into the referee crowd very well. I've been delighted teaching him. It's an honor to do that to a wheelchair player and it can spread and leave a legacy that matters."

During the six day tournament in Opelika, about 700 players come out to compete. About 69% of those players were from out of state. Auburn-Opelika Tourism estimated an economic impact of \$489,000 for the city.

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