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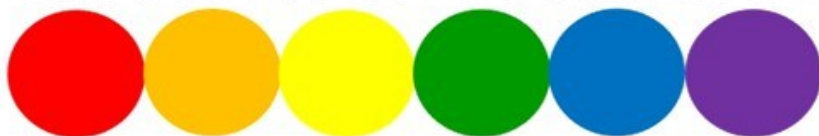
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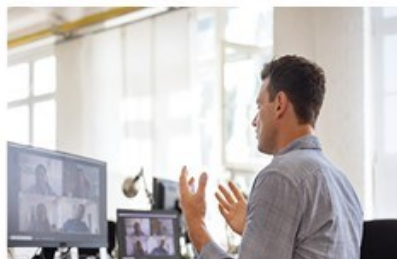
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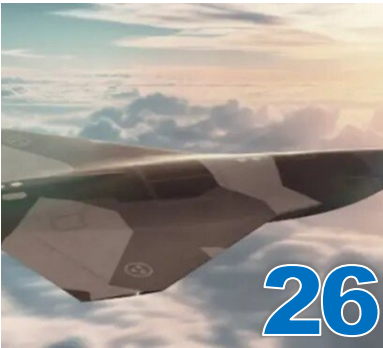
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News & Politics

'Ohio Changes Election Forms To Protect Trans Candidates

By Drew Joshlin



Ohio's Secretary of State Frank LaRose has changed the state's candidate declaration forms to help prevent a repeat of earlier this year when a trans candidate was disqualified after failing to list her deadname.

Vanessa Joy, a transgender woman, was disqualified from running as a Democrat to represent House District 50 in Stark County in January after she failed to include on her signature petition forms any names she legally used within the prior five years.

While Joy was upset about the forced outing of her deadname, she was more upset that she was not informed of the requirement at the time she submitted her petitions.

"Something that is that

important should have been on the instructions," Joy told the local ABC affiliate WEWS in January. "It should have been on the petition."

"The new form does that, and it's now available on our website for potential candidates to use if they decide to file a candidacy in 2025," Dan Lusheck, a LaRose spokesperson, told Cleveland.com.

LaRose's office has enlarged the space provided for a candidate's name along with the instruction to "include all prior names used in the past 5 years" except those resulting from marriage.

Republicans were also impacted by the prior name requirement and sought to

pass legislation before the holiday recess. Candidates would still be required to list any name changes within the last five years under the proposed legislation. However, the bill mandates "a space provided for the purpose" on the official declaration of candidacy form, much as LaRose has already accomplished.

The bill ultimately failed to pass before the holiday break.

Joy said in an interview that while she was encouraged others would not be unfairly disqualified by the prior name requirement, she was moving out of state with no plans of running for office.

"I'm not going to have to worry about it anymore," Joy said.

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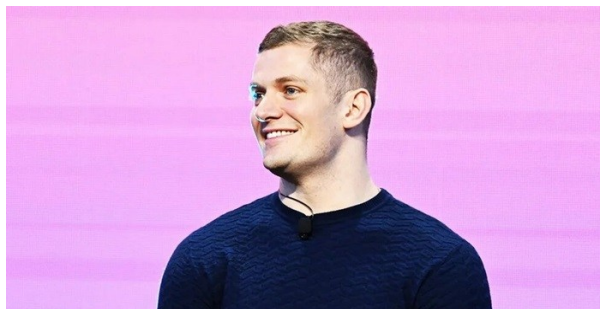
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OUT & HEALTH

Gay Former NFL Player Carl Nassib Joins The Trevor Project Board

By Gabby Auchincloss



Carl Nassib, the 1st out gay active player in the NFL, has joined the board of directors for The Trevor Project, the nation's leading suicide prevention org for LGBTQ+ young people. The announcement comes amid a challenging time for LGBTQ+ youth in the U.S.

Nassib made history in 2021 when he publicly came out while playing for the Las Vegas Raiders. Since then, he has advocated for LGBTQ+ youth, donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to The Trevor Project, fundraising even more, and using his platform to amplify the org's mission.

"The Trevor Project has been very special to me for a long time," Nassib said in a statement. "I am thrilled to continue supporting their life-saving work to end suicide among LGBTQ+ youth in this new, impactful way. When I came out publicly in 2021, I was lucky to have an incredible support system of family, friends, and colleagues who had my back. But many LGBTQ+ young people do not have that support, and that's where The Trevor Project comes in. Trevor acts as a shoulder to lean on for LGBTQ+ young people, 24/7. It

is an honor to call myself a board member."

Jaymes Black, The Trevor Project's new CEO, celebrated the announcement in a post on LinkedIn: "At the end of a tough week for LGBTQ+ news, I am thrilled to share a very exciting announcement: Carl Nassib has officially joined The Trevor Project's Board of Directors," they wrote. "We are beyond honored to welcome Carl to our board, and I can't wait to see the continued impact he will make on our life-saving work in the years to come."

The Trevor Project estimates that more than 1.8 million LGBTQ+ youth in the U.S. seriously consider suicide each year.

Nassib first partnered with The Trevor Project in early 2021 as he prepared to come out publicly. In his coming-out video, he announced a \$100,000 donation to the nonprofit, inspiring matching contributions from the NFL, the Las Vegas Raiders, and Booking.com. That week, The Trevor Project saw a 350 percent spike in website traffic and a 50 percent increase in donations.

In October, during National Coming Out Day, Nassib

announced that the NFL would donate an additional \$100K to The Trevor Project. Speaking on the NFL Network's Good Morning Football, Nassib emphasized the urgency of the organization's work, noting that LGBTQ+ youth are four times more likely to harm themselves compared to their peers. "This \$100,000 is going directly to that organization to continue that work," he said.

The Trevor Project has faced challenges in recent years, including staffing changes and increasing demand for its services amid a record wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation. Black, who became CEO in July, has emphasized resilience and hope during these turbulent times.

Since coming out, Nassib has participated in numerous campaigns, including the NFL's "My Cause My Cleats," where he designed cleats to benefit the nonprofit and served as a visible advocate at events like NYC Pride.

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Science & Technology

Porsche Design Skyscraper In Miami Is Sinking

By James Franklin



Just north of Miami, luxury condos line a series of barrier islands boasting some of the most extravagant residences in the world.

However, a new study from the University of Miami raises alarms about the stability of these high-end structures.

Many buildings are sinking at an “unexpected” rate, including the notably 641-foot-tall Porsche Design Tower.

Opened in 2014, Porsche Design Tower was the first residence branded by an automaker. It featured a high-tech car elevator, setting the stage for other luxury buildings like the 818-foot Aston Martin skyscraper in the vicinity.

Since then, more automaker-branded residences from Bentley, Mercedes-Benz, and Pagani have been planned, but the findings of this study may prompt reconsideration by some developers.

Skyscrapers Sinking

The study reveals that 35 buildings, particularly along Sunny Isles Beach, have sunk

by up to three inches from 2016 to 2023.

Among those affected are the Ritz-Carlton Residences and both Trump Towers.

This revelation comes after the devastating collapse of a 12-story residential tower in Surfside, Florida, just a stone’s throw away, which occurred less than four years prior.

The study utilized a satellite-based technique called Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR). Researchers created a time series documenting surface displacement by analyzing images from the European Sentinel-1 satellites.

The method relies on “persistent radar scatterers”—fixed elements like balconies and rooftop units—which act as reference points for measuring movements.

These satellites orbit about 700 kilometers above Earth and can detect displacements as small as a millimeter.

While it’s common knowledge that newly constructed high-rises settle during and shortly after construction, this study

indicates that subsidence—ground sinking—can persist over the years.

Falk Amelung, a geophysics professor at the Rosenstiel School, noted, “We found that subsidence in most high-rises slows down over time, but in some, it continues at a steady rate. This suggests that subsidence could last for an extended period.”

Lead author of the study, Farzaneh Aziz Zanjani, highlighted the unexpected discovery of subsidence hotspots along South Florida’s coastline, stressing the importance of continued monitoring and understanding the long-term implications for these structures.

Researchers collected data from other universities to ensure the study’s findings, leveraging resources from the German Space Agency’s TerraSAR-X satellite and various data analysis techniques.

The Reason

What exactly causes this subsidence? The underlying structure of Miami consists of limestone intermixed with

sandy layers.

The researchers suggest that much of the observed sinking occurs due to the shifting of sand grains triggered by the weight of the high-rises and the vibrations from construction.

Additional factors, such as daily tidal movements and cracking limestone beneath the surface, may contribute to the gradual sinking over time.

Khaled Sobhan, a geotechnical engineering professor at Florida Atlantic University, expressed that other factors likely play a role in rearranging soil grains, including groundwater flow from underground construction

activities.

"The subsidence is probably a combination of several mechanisms, and these findings raise important questions that need further investigation," Sobhan noted.

Moreover, preliminary data indicates subsidence may also occur along the Broward and Palm Beach coasts, calling for further research.

The geological history of South Florida may also play a part, with coastal currents bringing quartz sands from the Appalachians, forming layers of sand within the limestone that might be responsible for the sinking.

In examining structural stability, researchers analyzed data from Champlain Towers South, the residential building that tragically collapsed in 2021, resulting in 98 fatalities.

Surprisingly, no displacement signals were detected before its collapse, leading scientists to conclude that settlement alone did not cause the structure's failure.

This finding raises further questions about what led to such a catastrophic event, emphasizing the need for rigorous monitoring and scrutiny of high-rise safety in the region.

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ART AND ENTERTAINMENT

“Dune: Prophecy” Renewed For Season 2 At HBO

By Debi Massengill



Dune prequel series Dune: Prophecy is sticking around. TVLine reports that the HBO drama, set 10,000 years before the events of the films, has been renewed for a second season ahead of its Season 1 finale this Sunday. The series only premiered on Nov. 17 but has received mostly positive reviews. Deadline previously reported that the premiere episode brought in 1.2 million cross-platform U.S. viewers, growing another 75% the following day, with the total audience number rising to 2.1 million viewers, so the renewal is not so surprising.

“We are so thrilled and grateful for HBO’s support, for our partners at Legendary,” showrunner Alison Schapker said in a statement, “and most of all that we get to continue working with these extraordinary people in front of the camera and behind the camera, that we get to keep telling this story that we feel so

deeply about — and that we get to continue building out our corner of the Dune universe.”

“Dune: Prophecy has captivated audiences around the globe thanks to the visionary leadership of showrunner and executive producer Alison Schapker, who will continue to guide this grand tale of truth and power,” Sarah Aubrey, Head of Max Original Programming, said in a statement. “We are incredibly grateful to our partners at Legendary and to our extraordinary cast and crew for their service to the Imperium. We’re excited to collaborate with this team again to see what they have in store.”

Dune: Prophecy focuses on the origins of powerful social, religious, and political force Bene Gesserit whose members possess superhuman powers and abilities. The series stars an ensemble cast that includes Emily Watson, Olivia Williams,

Travis Fimmel, Jodhi May, Sarah-Sofie Boussnina, Chloe Lea, Chris Mason, Mark Strong, and Jade Anouka, among others.

The Dune franchise originated with the 1966 novel of the same name by Frank Herbert, who released several books in the series. In 2021, the film Dune kicked off a new era for the franchise, with Dune: Part Two releasing earlier this year. Part of the cast of the Dune films include Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Josh Brolin, Florence Pugh, Dave Bautista, and Christopher Walken.

As of now, information surrounding Season 2 of Dune: Prophecy has not been released, but it’s possible that the season finale could set up the second season. Fans will just have to wait and see what happens and be excited that more Dune: Prophecy is on the way.

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OUT & HEALTH

Tuberculosis Cases Hit Record High: WHO

By Adam Bennett



A record 8.2 million new tuberculosis cases were diagnosed worldwide last year, the World Health Organization said -- the highest number since it began global TB monitoring in 1995.

The WHO said its Global Tuberculosis Report 2024, released Tuesday, highlights "mixed progress in the global fight against TB, with persistent challenges such as significant underfunding".

While the number of TB-related deaths declined from 1.32 million in 2022 to 1.25 million last year, the total number of people contracting the infectious disease increased from 7.5 million to 8.2 million.

However, not all new cases are diagnosed, and WHO estimates that around 10.8 million people actually contracted the disease last year.

"The fact that TB still kills and sickens so many people is an outrage, when we have the tools to prevent it, detect it and treat it," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

"WHO urges all countries to

make good on the concrete commitments they have made to expand the use of those tools, and to end TB."

The increase in cases between 2022 and 2023 largely reflects global population growth, the report said.

Last year the TB incidence rate was 134 new cases per 100,000 people -- a 0.2-percent increase compared to 2022.

Global Targets 'Off-Track'

The disease disproportionately affects people in 30 high-burden countries.

And five countries -- India, Indonesia, China, Philippines and Pakistan -- account for more than half of the global TB burden, with more than a quarter of the cases found in India alone.

According to the report, 55 percent of people who developed TB were men, 33 percent were women and 12 percent were children and

young adolescents.

A preventable and curable disease, TB is caused by bacteria and most often affects the lungs. It is spread through the air when people with lung TB cough, sneeze or spit.

The WHO said a significant number of new TB cases were driven by five major risk factors: undernutrition, HIV infection, alcohol use disorders, diabetes, and, especially among men, smoking.

"Global milestones and targets for reducing the TB disease burden are off-track," the WHO said.

Only \$5.7 billion of the \$22 billion global annual funding target for TB prevention and care was available last year.

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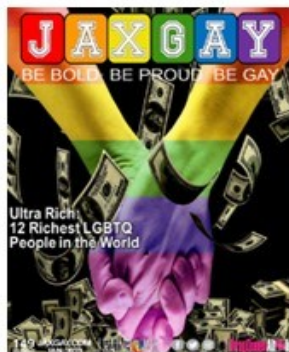
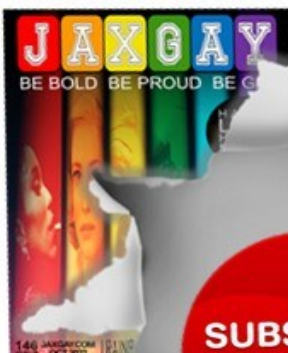


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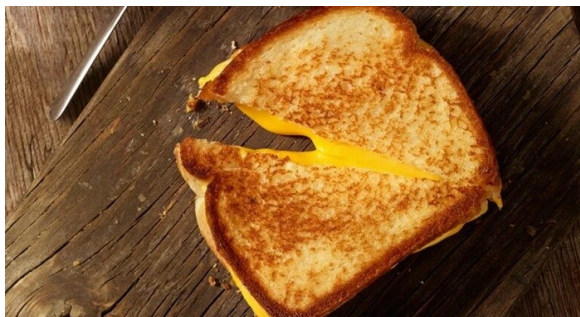
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Life and Style

Upgrade Your Grilled Cheese With An Unexpected Bread

By Justin Roberts



If you're looking for new ways to upgrade your basic grilled cheese sandwich, try swapping your bread out for something non-traditional like the English muffin. From the assertive flavors of sharp cheddar and gouda to milder options like Swiss and mozzarella, these small, fluffy rounds offer a delicate, tangy flavor (reminiscent of sourdough) that perfectly complements many cheeses. Far more versatile than most people give it credit for, the English muffin deserves to be more than just a breakfast staple. It's time to introduce these muffins into your grilled cheese rotation.

Beyond flavor, the texture of English muffins is what truly sets them apart. The characteristic nooks and crannies throughout the bread are a result of wet dough that traps air released by the yeast.

Just as these pockets are great for soaking up butter and jam, they are perfect for holding melted cheese. This feature makes it easier to add a bit more cheese than usual, plus the shell-like exterior acts as a capsule, keeping the cheese securely inside and preventing it from oozing out.

English Muffins Make The Perfect Grilled Cheese For Any Occasion

For those looking to add more flavor, English muffins offer a solid foundation for expert-approved grilled cheese add-ons like herbs and veggies. For example, a slice of tomato — perfectly shaped for the circular bread — adds a burst of freshness. Pesto brings herbaceous flavor to grilled cheese and balances the creaminess of the cheese. Savory ingredients

such as grilled onions and bacon can make the sandwich richer. Whether you keep it simple or add a few extra layers, English muffins complement a wide range of toppings.

Making an English muffin grilled cheese is easy. Simply spread a light layer of butter or mayo on either side of the sandwich and cook it in a pan until the muffin is toasty and crisp. Covering the sandwich with a pot lid helps trap heat, ensuring the cheese melts fully. The small size of an English muffin grilled cheese only adds to its versatility. It's ideal for pairing with a warm bowl of soup or a salad. However, it's also just the right portion for a quick snack on its own, and the muffin's hard crust makes for a mess-free option that's ideal for on-the-go.

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Trump's Corrupt Leadership Will Finally Usher In The American "Dark Ages"

By Andy Roaten



As Donald Trump prepares for a second term in the White House, the country finds itself staring into the abyss of a future that promises to push America into its darkest period yet.

While such a declaration may sound like an apocalyptic prediction, it is an honest evaluation of the disastrous choices Trump has made for his Cabinet picks. The radically inappropriate selections reflect his spiteful intent to further erode democratic institutions, dismantle checks and balances, and roll back vital progress in civil rights, healthcare, environmental protection, and foreign relations.

Looking at his Cabinet nominations, it is apparent that Trump's second presidency is set to be governed by individuals who represent a grave departure from any semblance of democratic accountability, competence, respect for human rights, or even simple sanity.

From the right-wing ideologues and political sycophants to the corporate elites with no qualifications in public service, his Cabinet suggests an administration more concerned with power consolidation, culture wars, revenge, and grift over the well-being of the American people.

His Cabinet is not just dangerous in the sense of policy disagreements, it threatens to unleash a regressive, authoritarian future that harkens back to the darkest moments in American history. If that is the direction the nation is heading, the American "Dark Ages" may indeed be soon to arrive.



A Cabinet Of Unqualified Cronies

From the outset, Trump's Cabinet picks reflect a commitment to packing his

administration with unqualified loyalists whose primary qualifications are their devotion to the former president and his radical right-wing agenda, like Project 2025. These individuals do not just hold conservative viewpoints, many of them have given aid and comfort to America's enemies and remain vehemently opposed to the very principles that uphold American democracy.

For instance, a number of Trump's nominees come from the ranks of billionaires, business magnates, and corporate moguls. Their mission in government would not be to serve the public good but to enforce policies that benefit their bottom lines, often at the expense of working people, the environment, and public health.

The idea of efficiency, one of the central tenets of the proposed Department of Government Efficiency, is less about improving the lives of everyday Americans and more about streamlining government operations to benefit corporate profits.

Whether it is an energy policy that favors fossil fuels over renewable energy or regulatory reform that eliminates worker protections, consumers, and the environment, these corporate-minded appointments promise to turn the federal government into an instrument of exploitation.

The result would be a government where public servants no longer serve the needs of the people, but rather, the interests of multinational corporations and the super-wealthy. Democracy would become a hollow shell, with laws and policies designed to enrich the already powerful while leaving the rest of society to bear the consequences.



The Militarization Of American Governance

Perhaps more disturbing than the rise of corporate influence is the heavy military and law enforcement presence in Trump's second-term Cabinet. The individuals nominated for Defense Secretary, Homeland Security, and National Security Advisor come with backgrounds steeped in militarism, with an emphasis on a "tough-on-crime" approach that leans heavily on authoritarian tactics. Under their abusive leadership, we could see a government that prioritizes military

intervention, domestic surveillance, and aggressive policing, turning America into a more militarized state that uses force as its primary means of control.

These individuals are not just dedicated to national security; they represent a broader ideology that views dissent and protest as threats to be quelled. Policies under their leadership will likely empower law enforcement agencies to infringe on civil liberties and limit freedoms in the name of security. The federal government would become a tool to silence opposition, monitor and control public behavior, and suppress any movement for social justice or reform.

At the same time, the Border Czar could usher in an era of even more draconian immigration policies, implementing extreme measures to enforce a xenophobic and racist agenda. The idea of immigration as a threat to national security will be institutionalized, and any efforts to provide sanctuary, support, or justice to immigrants will be met with hostility and force. This approach not only violates basic human rights but undermines the very notion of America as a land of opportunity.



The Destruction Of Public Health And Welfare

Perhaps the most chilling aspect of Trump's second administration is the potential for the complete dismantling of public health and welfare systems. Appointing individuals with a track record of denying science and public health as leaders of key departments like Health and Human Services is a direct attack on the well-being of Americans.

With the ongoing threats of pandemics, rising healthcare costs, and environmental degradation, these appointments signal a future where the public health system is gutted in favor of private interests, with devastating consequences for the most vulnerable populations.

The HHS Secretary could lead efforts to reduce the reach of the Affordable Care Act, restrict access to healthcare for marginalized communities, and downplay or outright ignore critical issues like mental health, drug addiction, and environmental health. Under these appointments, the public health system could collapse under the weight of privatization, poor leadership, and the utter neglect of public welfare.

Additionally, with the appointment of figures who have anti-science and anti-vaccine views, the administration risks exacerbating public health crises, particularly during times of global health uncertainty. In

an era where global pandemics are a real threat, a government led by individuals who reject scientific consensus is a prescription for catastrophe.



The Erosion Of Environmental Protections

Environmental protections, already under siege during Trump's first term, are likely to face even more severe dismantling under a second presidency. The EPA Administrator pick, with ties to the fossil fuel industry, promises to continue the rollback of crucial environmental protections, paving the way for corporate interests to extract resources without regard for the planet's future. We could see an even greater emphasis on deregulation, a weakening of climate change policies, and the dismantling of environmental oversight.

A government that prioritizes corporate profits over the planet's future, ignores climate science, and further enables the destruction of natural habitats will doom future generations. The policies pushed by these individuals could lead to unchecked pollution, devastating natural disasters, and the worsening of

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global climate change — all of which disproportionately affect low-income communities and communities of color.



An Assault On Civil Rights And Democracy

Another critical aspect of the Dark Ages that Trump's second presidency threatens to usher in is the erosion of civil rights and liberties. The Attorney General pick, with a history of controversial actions, could oversee a justice department that is less concerned with upholding the rule of law and more focused on enforcing Trump's political will.

Under this administration, legal institutions could be weaponized to suppress voting rights, target marginalized communities, and silence dissent. The CIA Director and Director of National Intelligence, likely to prioritize surveillance and domestic spying, could extend their reach into citizens' private lives in ways that were previously unthinkable.

The power of the White House Counsel and other advisory positions will likely be used to obstruct oversight, undermine democratic institutions, and consolidate power within the

executive branch. The use of the justice system as a tool of political warfare would leave America's once-proud institutions of democracy and justice vulnerable to politicization and manipulation.

This administration's willingness to embrace voter suppression, curb freedom of the press, and attack the very institutions that protect democracy, such as the judiciary, could lead the United States down a dark path toward authoritarian rule. The erosion of checks and balances will further entrench Trump's hold on power, with little accountability for his actions.



A Society Divided And Regressive

The most fundamental danger of a second Trump presidency lies in its ability to deepen divisions within the American public. With a Cabinet composed of individuals who prioritize culture wars, political loyalty, and the dismantling of progressive social policies, the fabric of American society could unravel. These figures

will likely exacerbate racial and class divides, further entrench inequality, and sow division among citizens.

The government's focus on divisive issues, including the promotion of an anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ+, and pro-religious nationalism agenda, will alienate entire segments of the population. The social safety net will be shredded, and policies designed to promote inclusivity, equality, and social justice will be replaced by efforts to suppress and control.



The Horrors Of A Nation On The Brink

Trump's second presidency, as reflected in his Cabinet picks, promises to drag America into a Dark Age where authoritarianism, corporate greed, and division rule the day. The values that have sustained the nation — justice, equality, democracy, and the rule of law — will be eroded in favor of power consolidation and the advancement of narrow political and corporate interests. The public institutions that have long served as the bedrock of American society will be hollowed out, and the rights of the American people will be systematically undermined.

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Science & Technology

Saab Unveils Super Fighter Jet, Spy Drones Designed To Sync

By Michael Brayson



Swedish defense firm Saab has unveiled concepts for a next-generation crewed fighter and stealth drones designed to operate in tandem.

Highlighted on Sweden's SVT channel, the designs were presented by Peter Nilsson, head of Advanced Programs at Saab.

The concepts were shared widely after military blogger @GripenNews posted screenshots from the broadcast.

According to an online news portal, the footage reveals a vision for a future combat ecosystem, combining crewed and uncrewed systems. These early concepts hint at potential design directions for Sweden's next-generation air combat needs.

In May, Ukraine was slated to receive a pair of Swedish Saab ASC 890 Airborne Surveillance and Control (AWACS) aircraft as part of a new aid package.

Saab's Combat Ecosystem

In what appears to come under the Saab F-series, the design concept envisions an advanced

combat ecosystem featuring a mix of crewed and uncrewed systems under the theme "Same brain in different bodies."

According to The War Zone (TWZ), the lineup includes a next-generation crewed fighter, the current Gripen E multirole fighter, and three uncrewed platforms: a subsonic drone under one ton, a subsonic drone up to five tons, and a supersonic drone exceeding five tons.

The crewed future fighter emphasizes speed and stealth with a sleek, blended wing/body design and arrow-like forward edges reminiscent of the Saab Draken's double-delta wings. It features swept, cropped wings, area-rule optimization for supersonic flight, and outward-canted stabilizers, though vertical tails remain uncertain.

The supersonic uncrewed drone mirrors the fighter's blended-wing design but lacks tail surfaces, incorporating stealthy intakes and a prominent fuselage bulge. An underside view hints at significant internal storage for

fuel and weaponry, though specific bay details remain undisclosed, reports TWZ.

Next-Generation Airpower

Saab's F-series concept introduces a future combat air system (FCAS) with a mix of crewed and uncrewed platforms, emphasizing shared technology and cost efficiency. The supersonic uncrewed platform, powered by the same General Electric F414 engine as the Gripen F, features new stealthy airframes, sensors, AI, and a "digital backbone."

According to TWZ, its design is tailored for advanced roles, while the lighter subsonic uncrewed platform resembles fifth-generation fighters like the F-35, with small delta wings and outward-canted vertical fins.

The low-cost subsonic uncrewed platform, weighing less than a ton, resembles a long-winged cruise missile with straight fins. Its lightweight design allows for potential launch from the crewed fighter or other platforms, supporting missions as a remote carrier or missile-like asset.

Notably, Saab's drones are envisioned for diverse roles, including attritable designs intended for high-risk missions. TWZ notes that this reflects a strategic balance between affordability and capability, diverging from the U.S. Air Force's shift toward "affordable mass" drones with

force-multiplying potential. Saab's FCAS plans aim to replace the Gripen by 2050, slightly later than British and European counterparts targeting operational systems by 2030-2040. Shared components across platforms, including unstealthy Gripen E

elements and stealthy supersonic drones, aim to streamline development, reduce costs, and simplify logistics. The evolving ecosystem underlines Saab's innovative approach to future air combat challenges.



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Aspen Gay Ski Week 2025

By David Vandygriff

Aspen Gay Ski Week, now in its 48th year, returns January 12-19 with a vibrant lineup of events that promise to make this year unforgettable. As the nation's largest and longest-running gay ski week, AGSW is more than just a week of skiing—it's an incredible fundraiser hosted by AspenOUT, supporting LGBTQ+ organizations, scholarships, and mental health initiatives. With sponsors including JPMorgan Chase, Saxx Underwear, and The Little Nell, the week is a showcase of unity, inclusivity, and high-energy fun. From the daily après-ski parties at the Limelight Hotel to the show-stopping Downhill Costume Competition at Gondola Plaza, Aspen transforms into a rainbow-colored winter playground for 4,000+ attendees.

While many AGSW events sell out weeks in advance, I've compiled some of the hottest happenings that still have tickets available, so grab your goggles and get ready to ski into a packed week of making memories.



On January 12, from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., The Little Nell kicks off Aspen Gay Ski Week with Drag Queen Bingo Brunch, hosted by the fabulous and ever-sassy Mariam T. This lively event combines an open bar with brunch and select cocktails. Indulge in morning eats while enjoying bingo games in the Grand Salon of this iconic Aspen hotel. Doors open at 10:45 a.m., with games starting at 11 a.m.

On January 12, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., W Aspen will host the Sunday Night Friendship Dinner at HaSalon, the stunning pop-up culinary experience by celebrity chef Eyal Shani. This is the perfect chance to catch up with friends or meet new ones as you settle into the week. Reservations are highly recommended.



On January 12, from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m., W Aspen will host the HIDALGO Opening Cocktail Reception. Open to all pass holders, with tickets available online or at the door for a \$75 donation to AspenOUT, this evening offers complimentary cocktails (while supplies last) and the perfect atmosphere to toast the week ahead.

On January 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., experience Emmy and Grammy-nominated performer Cheyenne Jackson at Hotel Jerome in Signs of Life. This one-of-a-kind musical journey explores art, love, fatherhood, and the cosmic twists that shape our paths, featuring songs by Coldplay, Lady Gaga, and more. General admission tickets are \$130 or \$175 for limited VIP Meet and Greet, which includes priority seating. All tickets include two drinks.



On January 16-19, Barry's, known for their high-energy bootcamps, returns to AGSW with Après-Barry's at The Little Nell's Grand Salon. Join the ultimate slopeside HIIT pop-up for its second year and elevate your après-ski experience with a 50-minute LIFT class focused on full-body strength training.

On January 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., join the Womxn's Cocktail Party at W Aspen's Hidalgo. This fun and vibrant gathering offers a selection of complimentary cocktails and appetizers, creating the perfect setting to reconnect with friends—or perhaps meet someone new. Open to all but designed to celebrate the women of AGSW, the event will feature music by DJ Autumn Leilani, adding to the cozy and energetic atmosphere. Tickets are \$85.

On January 16, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., AspenOUT and AGSW present a night of laughs, tears, and sassy fun with Very Delta Live at the Wheeler Opera House. Featuring Mariam T, Brendan Scannell, and a lineup of comedic talents, this sassy comedy night promises plenty of laughs and fun. Tickets are \$103.

On January 16, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., head to Aspen's iconic Belly Up for the Round Up Saloon Dance Party, presented by Visit Dallas. Listed as one of Rolling Stone's "Best Clubs in America," Belly Up promises a night of nonstop beats and unforgettable energy with a DJ dance party. Tickets are \$150.



On January 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., join the lively vibes of The Wine Bar at The Little Nell for official AGSW après-ski celebrations. Pair their delicious \$15 cocktail, crafted specifically for the occasion, with delicious light bites from their menu for the ultimate Friday hangout.

On January 17, from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saxx Underwear Presents the Friday Night Underwear Dance Party at W Aspen's Hidalgo. Perfect for underwear enthusiasts, this high-energy event is a can't-miss highlight of the week. With limited capacity, tickets are expected to sell out quickly, so grab yours now! Admission is \$40.

On January 18, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., gather for an evening of connection at the AGSW Friendship Dinner, hosted at Element 47, the upscale Michelin Guide-recommended restaurant at The Little Nell. Reservations are highly encouraged.

On January 18, from 9 p.m. to midnight, join NYC icons Susanne Bartsch, Amanda Lepore, Joey Arias, and more

as they take over W Aspen for Susanne Bartsch Wants You On Top. This glamorous après-ski kiki promises a dazzling night of over-the-top costumes, entertainment and unforgettable fun. Tickets are \$44.52.



In the meantime, Grindr is offering its Roam feature for free until January 2, thanks to a partnership with Viiv Healthcare in the U.S. and a global holiday gift from Grindr. Typically priced at \$5.99 per hour, Roam allows users to set their profile location anywhere in the world, making it visible on locals' grids in their chosen destination as if they were already there. It's the perfect tool to connect with locals and visitors ahead of Aspen Gay Ski Week!

While Grindr may not be an official sponsor of the week, the telemedicine platform MISTR is—and their SPF lip balm giveaway alone makes a visit to the hospitality suite at the Limelight Hotel a must. Daily, from January 12-18, the suite is the perfect spot to get any AGSW-related questions answered, browse the event program, mingle with others, and snag some sponsor swag.



Courteney Cox Reportedly For 'Scream 7'

By Helena Moreno



Courteney Cox will return as Gale Weathers in *Scream 7*, making her one of just three returning franchise stars currently committed to the project alongside Neve Campbell and Mason Gooding. *Variety* reported Wednesday that after much speculation surrounding her return for the upcoming installment in the long-running meta horror franchise, the actress “has finally signed on” for the film. Her casting was later confirmed via the official *Scream* franchise account, which shared *Variety*’s report.

Cox has been a *Scream* staple since the franchise’s start in 1996. Her character, an investigative journalist-turned-true crime author, has appeared in all six previous films, and her return in *Scream 7* will make her the only actor to appear in all seven films in the franchise. Campbell, the franchise’s final girl, made the “very difficult decision” to sit out *Scream VI* in 2023 due to a payment dispute. She announced back in March that

she would be reprising her role as Sidney Prescott in the seventh installment. David Arquette, who rounded out the original legacy trio of Wes Craven’s 1996 *Scream*, was also absent from *Scream VI* after his character was killed in *Scream* (2022).

Also returning for the film is Mason Gooding, whose character Chad Meeks-Martin was part of the Core Four of *Scream* (2022) and *Scream VI* (2023). Jasmin Savoy Brown, who plays Chad’s sister Mindy, has not officially signed on yet. Meanwhile, both Melissa Barrera and Jenna Ortega, who starred as sisters Sam and Tara Carpenter, will not return.

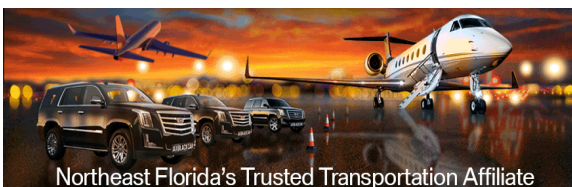
The cast is currently being rounded out by Isabel May who is set to play Sidney’s daughter, as well as Celeste O’Connor, Asa Germann, McKenna Grace, Sam Rechner, and Anna Camp in undisclosed roles.

Set to hit theaters worldwide on February 27, 2026, *Scream 7* is

directed by Kevin Williamson, who took on the role after original director Christopher Landon exited the project in 2023.

“It’s been nearly 30 years since my very first script, *Scream*, was directed by the legendary Wes Craven. I never would have predicted what it would become. Or that I would be directing the seventh installment of the franchise,” Williamson said. “I am overcome with gratitude and excitement, and I can’t wait to take this journey with Neve and the entire *Scream* family as we bring back Sidney Prescott in the next chapter of the *Scream* franchise. Thank you to all the *Scream* fans. You are the gift that keeps giving.”

Scream 7 is set to follow the success of *Scream VI*, which slashed its way to a franchise-record domestic gross exceeding \$108 million. The franchise as a whole has earned more than \$900 million in worldwide box office receipts, per *Deadline*.



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of a scandal forced his hand, and he ended up signing a letter of apology, but not before an "explosive argument" where Dean shouted, "I didn't know it was the wh*re who paid – I thought it was the other way around."

Things devolved from there,

and eventually, Brackett filed suit against Dean, who ended up settling for \$800 to be paid in \$100 weekly installments. The actor also got Warner Bros. to pay Brackett a large "finder's fee" to keep him quiet.

"This story has never been told before, and all parties involved

worked hard to make sure no one ever found out," Colavito said in his interview with the Daily Mail. "And for 70 years, no one did. The only reason we know about it today is that Dean's agent secretly kept copies of his papers hidden away for decades."



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Life and Style

How Many Mimosas You Can Make Per Bottle Of Champagne

By Alexis Andrews



A simple yet refreshing cocktail, the mimosa has become an absolute standard at brunch. It's not hard to understand why — the combination of the effervescent Champagne and tangy orange juice offers the perfect pairing for more decadent dishes, helping to cut some of the fattiness and richness of your bacon and eggs or pancake stack. However, if you're pouring them for a brunch hosted at home, you may need a bit of guidance on how many bottles of Champagne you'll require to keep the mimosas flowing for your guests. We've called in an expert for the answer. According to Cody Goldstein, mixologist and founder of Muddling Memories, "The standard champagne bottle which is 750 [milliliters] should yield at least [six] mimosas."

Of course, he's also talking about a standard mimosa — the most accurate answer will

depend on your mimosa ratio preferences. "The rule of thumb is around 4-5 ounces of champagne per mimosa," says Goldstein. In order to please the average palate, it's fairly standard to make the drink with equal parts Champagne and orange juice. Our classic mimosa recipe, for example, pairs a bottle of bubbly with a 24-ounce bottle of orange juice. So, once you know you need to buy one bottle per six drinks you want to serve (we've got a ranking of 10 popular Champagne brands to guide you), simply calculate how many mimosas you expect to make, and buy the same amount of orange juice as Champagne.

Adjusting The Strength And Flavor Profile

Altering the strength of a mimosa is simple. Those who like a stronger drink can up the amount of Champagne, while those who want a more juice-forward drink should use less

of the bubbly.

In terms of the flavor, don't hesitate to test out different types of juice until you land on the Champagne and juice pairing you personally like the most. While Cody Goldstein claims that "orange juice is still the king of juice with bubbles," he recommends trying out grapefruit, blood orange, or pineapple juice as alternatives to a classic mimosa. "All are great on their own because of the tart and sweet nature," he explains. For a holiday interpretation, take Katie Lee's festive tip and swap out the citrus for pomegranate juice.

Finally, the last key number to have in mind when mixing up mimosas is the amount of fresh oranges to purchase, if you opt to use fresh-squeezed orange juice for an elevated (and effortful) mimosa. A typical orange yields about 70 milliliters, or 2 ounces, of juice, so you'll need at least two per mimosa.

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Trinity K Bonet Of 'RuPaul's Drag Race' Comes Out As Trans

By Bob Johnson



RuPaul's Drag Race season 6 and All Stars 6 alum Trinity K. Bonet has come out as trans. After posting a series of social media photos and videos that prompted speculation within the Drag Race fandom, Trinity has now shared a statement with Out confirming that this is a coming-out moment indeed.

Fans started speculating about Trinity K. Bonet coming out as trans after the Drag Race alum shared a picture on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday, December 15 with a caption that included three emojis: the two hearts emoji, the transgender flag emoji, and the squinting face with tongue emoji.

Jax Gay Magazine reached out for comment, and Trinity wrote the following response:

"Hey, how are you doing?

Yeah, I did come out. Lol but I'm not trying to do interviews and make a big deal about it. I've always been Trinity. I'm just keeping wig on. Lol."

Best known as a Lip Sync Assassin on Drag Race season 6, a top 5 semifinalist on All Stars 6, and a competitor at the 2024 Miss Continental pageant, Trinity had been dropping hints about coming out as trans in other posts shared over the weekend.

For instance, Trinity — who is an Aquarius — shared an Instagram story on Saturday, December 14 that described "the Aquarius woman."

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pageant, Trinity had been dropping hints about coming out as trans in other posts shared over the weekend.

On Sunday, December 15, the Drag Race alum shared an Instagram story with a Snapchat handle (@buttercup202425) accompanying the name Trinity Jones.

It's always lovely to see people in the LGBTQ+ community living as their most authentic selves. Congratulations are in order to Trinity!

Past seasons of RuPaul's Drag Race and All Stars are streaming on Paramount+ — and tune in to watch season 17 when it premieres Friday, January 3, 2025 on MTV.





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News & Politics

11 Teens Brutally Beat Men They Targeted Using A Gay Dating App

By Jennifer Griffin

Police in Illinois said video evidence helped identify 11 teens they arrested for beating two men they had lured using a gay dating app. Activists and police warn the attacks are part of a larger social media trend where straight teens and adults target and lure gay men for assault.

Mount Prospect Police Chief Michael Eterno said the teens attacked the two men in two different incidents on the evening of July 8, 2024. The victims were two gay men, aged 41 and 23, who responded to ads placed on an unnamed gay dating app. After arriving at the locations, a combination gas station and convenience store parking lot and a residential street in a different part of town, the teens allegedly attacked the men and

vandalized their cars. Both victims were able to escape and report the attacks to police.

The charged teens were all aged 17 except for one boy aged 16. Police say all 11 participated in one or both attacks. Each was charged with either one or two felony counts each of Aggravated Battery, Criminal Damage to Property, and Mob Action. One of the 17-year-olds was also charged with two felony Hate Crime counts for "yelling a racial and another derogatory term" during the attacks.

The attacks are reportedly part of a wider trend where teens use gay dating apps to target adult gay men they say are attempting to hook up with underage males.

"This is a worldwide

phenomenon. Not just the United States, not just Australia," Andy Thayer of the Gay Liberation Network told local ABC affiliate WLS.

Thayer said individuals use dating apps like Grindr to "lie in wait for people and unfortunately attack them."

Police Chief Eterno agreed the trend is real and problematic.

"We are asking parents to take these incidents as an opportunity to talk with their teenage children about the seriousness of actively participating in these types of trends they see on social media," Eterno said in a press release.

The 11 teens all voluntarily surrendered for arrest between Nov. 11 and Nov. 20.



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By Brenda Davis

The Florida Theatre in Downtown Jacksonville is the No. 1 most-attended venue of any type in the Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia region, according to 2024 statistics released by Pollstar, a concert industry trade magazine.

The city-owned, historic venue's attendance surpassed the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, Daily's Place, the Moran Theater in the Jacksonville Performing Arts Center and concerts at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, even though each of those venues has significantly more seats.

The Florida Theatre, with 1,865 fixed seats, sold 183,157 tickets.

Daily's Place, with a seating capacity of 5,500, sold 103,750 tickets.

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre, with a capacity of 4,789, sold 103,532 tickets.

The Moran Theatre in the Jacksonville Performing Arts Center, with 2,950 seats, sold 99,231 tickets.

With a total capacity of 15,000, VyStar Veterans Memorial

Arena sold 95,824 tickets.

The Florida Theatre is the No. 44 most-attended theater worldwide, and for theaters up to 2,000 seats, it is the No.5 most-attended theater nationwide, according to Pollstar.

"Ranking first in our market and 44th in the world for theaters despite having fewer seats to sell every night is a testament to the incredible support that the Florida Theatre receives from our community and the world-class talent that takes our stage every night. This ranking reflects our commitment to delivering quality entertainment for years to come," Florida Theatre Vice President of Programming Kevin Stone said in a Dec. 17 news release.

Top attendance and gross revenue at theaters up to 2,000 seats:

- The Smith Center/Reynolds Hall in Las Vegas, 235,038 tickets, \$19.45 million gross revenue.
- Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank, New Jersey, 230,208 tickets, \$13.70 million.
- Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Meyers,



190,593 tickets, \$14.63 million.

- Moore Theatre in Seattle, 187,111 tickets, \$10.60 million.
- Florida Theatre, 183,157 tickets, \$8.47 million.

"What's significant about the Florida Theatre being on these charts is that it is locally managed by a nonprofit organization dedicated to this building and serving our community," Numa Saisselin, president of the Florida Theatre, said in the release.

"Jacksonville likes to go out and have a good time. We value being able to enjoy live performances in the company of our friends and neighbors, and our audience tries not to miss a good show."

According to Pollstar, the Top Tours of 2024 were led by Taylor Swift, who set an all-time income record, earning \$2.2 billion, and Coldplay, who set an all-time record for tickets sold, at 10.3 million tickets.



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