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## HARRIS MAKES HISTORY

*Becomes First Minority Woman to Nominated for President By a Major Political Party*



**Chicago, IL** - In the history of the United States, no major political party had ever nominated a minority woman to its presidential ticket - until now.

On August 22, Vice President Kamala D. Harris accepted the nomination of the Democratic Party of the United States for the job currently served by her boss, President Joseph R. Biden. Originally, Biden himself was running for reelection. However, after a

disastrous debate against his opponent - former President Donald J. Trump - Biden was pressured to end his campaign and “pass the torch” to the 59-year-old Harris. The Party wanted the change in the hopes that it would boost fundraising efforts and change the narrative from Biden being too old at 81, to Trump being too old at 78.

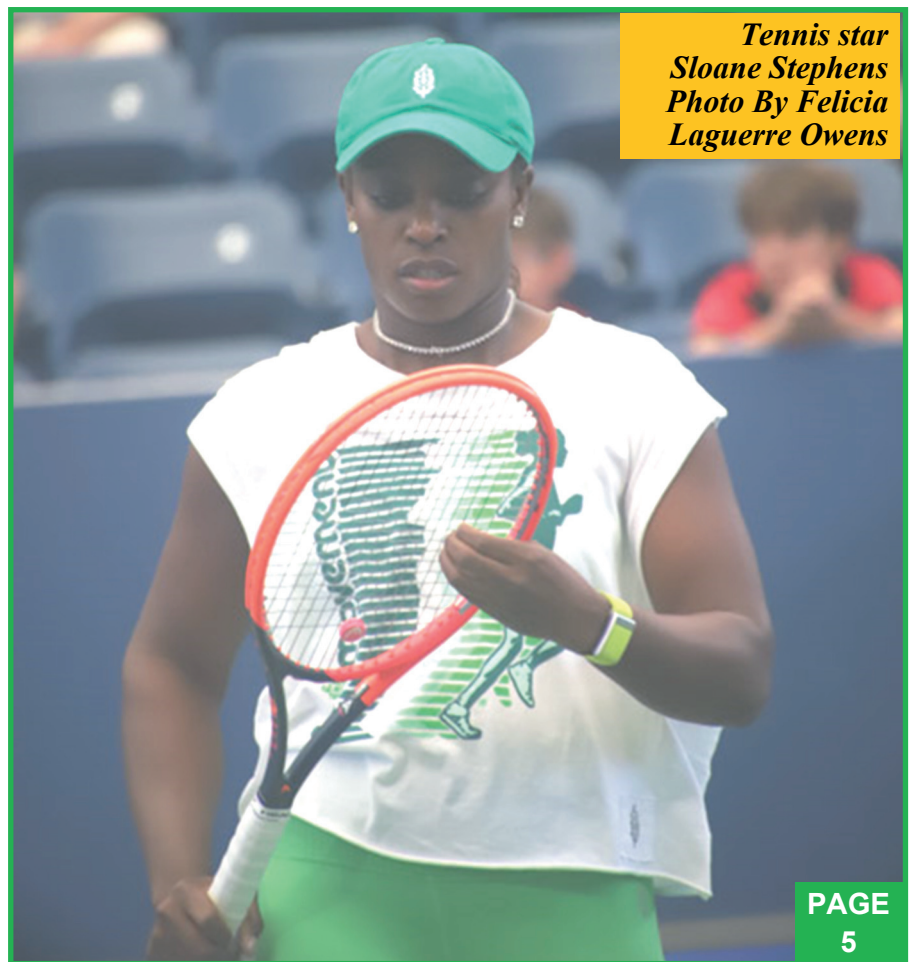
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**Editorial**

*Dhiren Shah*  
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**Hello Readers,**

Now with the conventions out of the way, the real presidential election season has started. There is just 67 days left when you will read Thursday until the big day. The battle is between former President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris. The battle is not only among the two candidates, but it is between three groups. The ones that hate Trump, the ones who hate Harris for underperforming as vice president, and the ones who are undecided. The undecided group is mostly made up of independents, along with a few Democrats and Republicans as well. So, the polls may not be too trustworthy in this election in my opinion.

On September 10th, there will be a debate between Trump and Harris. Trump agreed to a debate on ABC, a stronghold of the Democrats in media. Originally, President Biden and Trump agreed to this debate, but now Biden is out of the picture. Harris wanted open microphones, but Trump and Biden agreed to turn off microphones while the other candidate was speaking. Nonetheless, the cameras will be on to see the expressions of the silent candidate.

The battle ground states are key as per all the pundits, with seven battleground states in particular that are key to both candidates. New Jersey is an openly Democratic state, so they are not campaigning or spending money in New Jersey.

According to NASA: "NASA will return the Boeing Starliner to Earth without astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams aboard the spacecraft, the agency announced Saturday. The un-

crewed return allows NASA and Boeing to continue gathering testing data on Starliner during its upcoming flight home, while also not accepting more risk than necessary for its crew. Wilmore and Williams, who flew to the International Space Station in June aboard NASA's Boeing Crew Flight Test, have been busy supporting station research, maintenance, and Starliner system testing and data analysis, among other activities."

Both astronauts may return to earth in February 2025, which is total of nine months. The question among many is why don't they ask Space X leader Elon Musk to help. Rumor has it that Boeing does not want the embarrassment of Musk doing a better job than they are doing.

Speaking of Musk, the European Commission warned him and X (fka Twitter) about the negative impact of any information given to the people. The commission blamed Musk's X

news for inspiring the riot in UK. However, Musk has denied the allegations. The fast growing technology age, especially AI (artificial intelligence), is hurting people and how they think. Day by day, they are becoming handicapped and more dependent on technology.

When I was growing up, my fellow students and I had to learn by heart. With the arithmetic problems we had to solve, it took a few seconds to a few minutes. But we knew our work. We used to learn math like a game. Luckily, our teacher was very good. He never forced us to learn math with a closed mind. I remember my teacher Bhatt. It was so easy to learn with him and he made the math problems interesting.

Former President Trump attended a Libertarian Convention in May 2024. He promised to have at least one Libertarian in his Cabinet if he was elected, and especially in a high-ranking position.  
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**WEATHER FOR THE WEEK**

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# EVEN MORE OFFICERS WRITTEN UP IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

NEWARK - There were 18 officers from four Essex County law enforcement agencies plus a college campus police department who were also written up for major discipline in the New Jersey Attorney General's Aug. 2 report.

The said officers were in addition to the 29 police officers from seven "Local Talk" area municipal departments who were so written up between June 15, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2023. By major discipline, the said officers were disciplined by being suspended for at least five days, forfeiting vacation or other accrued time, being transferred, demoted, resigning or fired.

AG Matthew Platkin's report had the Newark Police Division landing the "top" or "worst" 10 lists of major discipline incidents with 16. The county's corrections department, with 12, also made that list of dubious distinctions. They were among the 167 law enforcement agencies who reported to the NJAG's office.

## COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

OFF. BRYAN DUNN. Suspended 150 days for unbecoming conduct and excessive absenteeism. Officer had called out Sick Without Pay unapproved, since Aug. 11, 2021. He had entered into a settlement with DOC July 27, 2021 over 120 days' SWOP.

OFF. BRIAN HANLON. Suspended six days for insubordination, neglect of duty, unbecoming conduct and incompetency. Officer was accused of arriving at a traffic control site by parking county vehicle and keeping its emergency lights - and not actually controlling traffic - during the eight hour shift. He allowed other county officers to cross Doremus Avenue without aid. Officer also addressed his report to his superior as "Provisional" Captain.

Hanlon was earlier suspended 10 days for not responding to an activated code alarm by staying in a perimeter vestibule with two other officers and leaving in a county van.

OFF. IDESHA HOWARD. Terminated for unbecoming conduct. An Internal Affairs investigator had found that the officer had falsified her close custody

observation report; she had reported conducting five tours when she actually did two.

SGT. JASON JARMIN. Suspended 41 days for conduct unbecoming an officer. Two civilian scheduling employees told master control that the sergeant had tried to start an "inappropriate conversation" with them while on their way to drop off the 2-10 schedule and on their way out. Jarmin then entered master control and made physical contact with one of the schedulers while they were talking with the counts control officer.

Jarmin was also earlier observed as being asleep at his post for 40 minutes.

SGT. EBONY MULLIN. Suspended 150 days for unbecoming conduct, withholding information or providing false information.

OFF. JAMIL OTERO. Suspended five days for unbecoming conduct, incompetency. Accused of not constantly observing an inmate in a dry cell, falling asleep while the inmate removed a contraband cellular phone from his own bodily cavity, destroying said phone and spiriting its pieces out of his cell.

OFF. RADI RICE. Suspended 20 days for sleeping in the intake and pre-book area while on duty. Lieutenant on duty had him write why he was sleeping. Accused of bypassing a cell sense machine to snap photos of master control, center control and three lieutenants' desks with her own phone.

OFF. MICHAEL ROMERO. Suspended 10 days for falling asleep and reawakening for 34 minutes while at the pre-book desk.

OFF. KELLY ROUSE. Suspended 20 days for leaving behind his department-issued handgun in a University Hospital restroom and failing to notify his supervisor of leaving his post to retrieve the firearm.

OFF. RANDY ULERIO. Suspended 60 days for six charges of failing to perform duties, incompetence and violating county departmental rules and regulations. He was accused of opening a cell in addition to the six he was assigned to for inmate recreation - and the extra cell's inmate knocked another inmate

unconscious in the dayroom.

OFF. KIANA WILSON-CARTER. Suspended 30 days for leaving behind her department handgun in a University Hospital restroom and failing to notify supervisor of leaving her post for retrieval.

OFF. MUNAJJ ZAYID. Suspended 15 days for insubordination. Zayid was taken off inmate extraction duty after yelling at the inmate and his sergeant, "Hurry up, I don't have all day." The supervising lieutenant sent the officer to master control, where he was excused that day.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

OFF. JAVIER COLON. Suspended seven days for "Conduct prejudicial to good order." Accused of submitting "invalid military orders."

OFF. VANESSA CUEVAS. Suspended eight days for engaging in an unauthorized pursuit of a stolen motor vehicle.

RECRUIT LOUIS SCAPPATICCIO. Terminated for differential treatment. Accused of making racial comments to a fellow police academy recruit.

## PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

DET. SAMOURI CLEGG. Resigned for unbecoming conduct. Provided false report of Aug. 28, 2023. He reported that the personal firearm in his vehicle was an empty holster with an empty magazine. An Essex County Sheriff's Office report and "BWC footage" indicated otherwise.

## NJIT POLICE

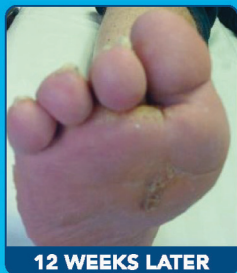
OFF. MICHAEL CAPANO. Suspended 30 days and resigned for violating code of ethics, core values. Was arrested by Paramus Police for shoplifting. NJIT PD would have suspended the officer for 30 days regardless of his resignation.

SGT. CHARLES KIM. Suspended 60 days for neglect of duty, related charges. Sgt. was accused of abandoning his on-duty shift while being the only shift supervisor and leaving Essex County with a department vehicle for "a personal, non-emergent matter."

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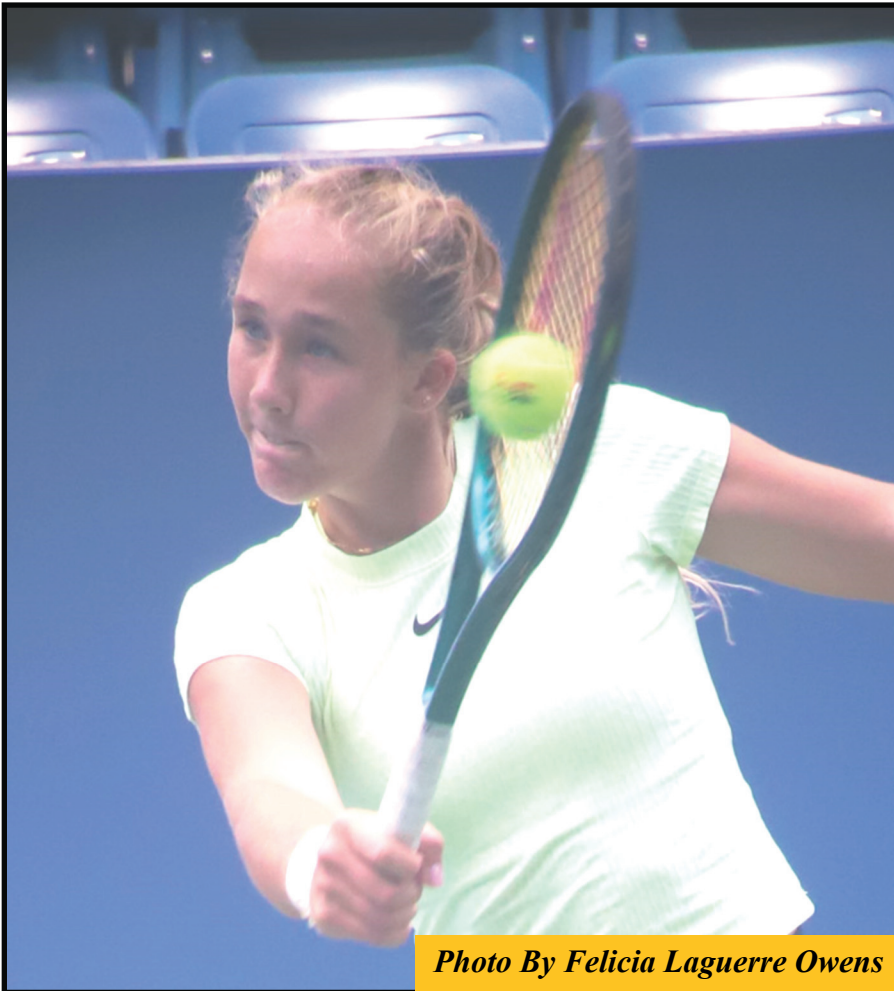


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By Felicia Laguerre Owens

The US Open Championships are celebrating their 143rd Anniversary, having its inauguration in 1881. Now, its home is at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow, Queens, with Citi Field, the home of the New York Mets close by. The quest for the multimillion dollar purses began Monday, August 26th.

The free-to-the-public, 7-day Fan Week concluded on Sunday, August 25th. This included a 128-man field and a 128-woman field of qualifiers who competed in three rounds, with the victors gaining entry into the main draw, whose first round purse is \$100K. Fan Week also included the players practicing on the grounds in front of fans, several of whom took photos of their favorite players.

Defending champions Coco Gauff and Novak Djokovic have tough roads back to the victory circle. Top contenders are vying for their crowns. Former wom-

en's champ Naomi Osaka takes on Jelena Ostapenko in the first round. In the Men's draw, fan favorite Ben Shelton takes on previous champ Dominic Thiem.

Meanwhile, there will be some exciting matchups late in the draw. For example, #1 Jan-nik Sinner, #3 Carlos Alcaraz, and #4 Medvedev are all on the same side of the draw and are on a collision course in the later rounds.

Gauff is on a collision course with #2 seed Aryna Sabalenka. They are slated to meet in the semifinals, if everything holds up. The winner of the semifinals could possibly meet my pick for Women's Champion, Elena Rybakina, in the finals.

The highly flavored popcorn match could come in the women's 4th round, when Russian teenage sensation, 17-year-old Mirra Andreeva, is slated to meet #1 seed Iga Swiatek, who hasn't been at the top of her game. Don't be surprised if Andreeva upsets Swiatek.



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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT  
SUES REALPAGE OVER  
PRICING SCHEME**

The Justice Department, together with the Attorneys General of North Carolina, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington, filed a civil anti-trust lawsuit Aug. 23 against RealPage Inc. for its unlawful scheme to decrease competition among landlords in apartment pricing and to monopolize the market for commercial revenue management software that landlords use to price apartments.

RealPage’s alleged conduct deprives renters of the benefits of competition on apartment leasing terms and harms millions of Americans. The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and alleges that RealPage violated Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act.

The complaint alleges that RealPage contracts with competing landlords who agree to share with RealPage nonpublic, competitively sensitive information about their apartment rental rates and other lease terms to train and run RealPage’s algorithmic pricing software. This software then generates recommendations, including on apartment rental pricing and other terms, for participating landlords based on their and their rivals’ competitively sensitive information.

The complaint further alleges that in a free market, these landlords would otherwise be com-

peting independently to attract renters based on pricing, discounts, concessions, lease terms, and other dimensions of apartment leasing. RealPage also uses this scheme and its substantial data trove to maintain a monopoly in the market for commercial revenue management software. The complaint seeks to end RealPage’s illegal conduct and restore competition for the benefit of renters in states across the country.

“Americans should not have to pay more in rent because a company has found a new way to scheme with landlords to break the law,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “We allege that RealPage’s pricing algorithm enables landlords to share confidential, competitively sensitive information and align their rents. Using software as the sharing mechanism does not immunize this scheme from Sherman Act liability, and the Justice Department will continue to aggressively enforce the anti-trust laws and protect the American people from those who violate them.”

The complaint cites internal documents and sworn testimony from RealPage and commercial landlords that make plain RealPage’s and landlords’ objective to maximize rental pricing and profitability at the expense of renters. For example:

- RealPage acknowledged that its software is aimed at maximizing prices for landlords, referring to its products as “driving every possible opportunity to increase price,” “avoid(ing) the race to the bottom in down markets,” and “a rising tide raises all ships.”
- A RealPage executive observed that its products help landlords avoid competing on the merits, noting that “there is greater good in everybody succeeding versus essentially trying to compete against one another in a way that actually keeps the entire industry down.”
- A RealPage executive explained to a landlord that using competitor data can help identify situations where the landlord “may have a \$50

increase instead of a \$10 increase for the day.”

- Another landlord commented about RealPage’s product, “I always liked this product because your algorithm uses proprietary data from other subscribers to suggest rents and term. That’s classic price fixing...”

The complaint alleges that RealPage’s agreements and conduct harm the competitive process in local rental markets for multi-family dwellings across the United States. Armed with competing landlords’ data, RealPage also encourages loyalty to the algorithm’s recommendations through, among other measures, “auto accept” functionality and pricing advisors who monitor landlords’ compliance.

As a result, RealPage’s software tends to maximize price increases, minimize price decreases, and maximize landlords’ pricing power. RealPage also trained landlords to limit concessions (e.g., free month(s) of rent) and other discounts to renters. The complaint also cites internal documents from RealPage and landlords touting the fact that landlords have responded by reducing renter concessions.

The complaint separately alleges that RealPage has unlawfully maintained its monopoly over commercial revenue management software for multi-family dwellings in the United States, in which RealPage commands approximately 80% market share. Landlords agree to share their competitively sensitive data with RealPage in return for pricing recommendations and decisions that are the result of combining and analyzing competitors’ sensitive data. This creates a self-reinforcing feedback loop that strengthens RealPage’s grip on the market and makes it harder for honest businesses to compete on the merits.

RealPage Inc., is a property management software company headquartered in Richardson, Texas.

**MASS SHOOTING UPDATE**

*Information recent as of 8-27-*

*2024 at 12 p.m.*

2024 Mass Shooting Stats: (Source: Mass Shooting Tracker, <https://www.massshootingtracker.site/data/?year=2024>)

- Total Mass Shootings: 426
- Total Dead: 504
- Total Wounded: 1769
- Shootings Per Day: 1.77
- Days Reached in Year 2024 as of August 27: 240

**MIDDLE EAST  
POLIO VACCINES  
ARRIVE IN GAZA**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres is closely following negotiations in Doha focused on trying to end the war in Gaza, where the situation continues to remain catastrophic after more than 10 months of unrelenting war.

The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) announced on Aug. 26 the arrival of 1.2 million doses of vital polio vaccines in Gaza, amid urgent calls for humanitarian pauses to reach hundreds of thousands of at-risk children.

More than 640,000 children are targeted to receive the polio type two (nOPV) vaccines, UNICEF said in a post on X.

The World Health Organization (WHO), the UN’s main agency assisting Palestine refugees (UNRWA) and other partners aim to coordinate to reach the unvaccinated as the war grinds on against the backdrop of multiple civilian displacements.

The Israeli government agency COGAT said vaccine shipments had arrived in Gaza through the Kerem Shalom Crossing, adding that the vaccination campaign will be conducted in coordination with the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) as part of “routine” humanitarian pauses.

Gaza has been in the grip of an ongoing war following the October 7 terror attacks last year by Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups in southern Israel.

More than 40,000 people have lost their lives in the enclave, according to the Strip’s health ministry, and critical infrastructure, including schools-

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# A MAPLE SCHOOL REUNION IN NEWARK

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Not long ago, there was a class reunion in the South Ward for those who attended Maple Avenue School, Maple Annex, and Maple Lyons. The event was for those who attended any of the three schools and or Graduated from the 1960s up until 2000. This was the first time an event like this was held. It took

place at the Bo Porter Sports Complex on Lyons Avenue. There was a free cookout with lots of food and refreshments for all alumni and guests. I noticed everyone was so happy to see classmates that they have not seen in 30 years, and they all had plenty of stories to tell. There was a lot of reminiscing of the good old days back in school.

I had the opportunity to speak with Kim Kaddy, a former student and one of the 10 committee members that organized the event. I asked Kim where the idea came from to do such a project, to which she said, "The idea came from Cleve Brown, Jackie Byrd, Donna Judd, and myself. Every one of us attended a Maple Avenue School in Newark.

"It means there is so much love from residents, and alumni of the neighborhood schools, and it makes you feel good to bring people together you went to school with when you were younger." said Kaddy. This was a great event, and the committee stated that the next gathering will be in 2026 at same location.

**HARRIS** (Cont. from page 1)

Here now are excerpts of Harris' historic acceptance speech.

"Good evening. To my husband, Doug, thank you for being an incredible partner to me and father to Cole and Ella. And happy anniversary. I love you so very much.

"To Joe Biden - Mr. President. When I think about the path we have traveled together, I am filled with gratitude. Your record is extraordinary, as history will show. And your character is inspiring. Doug and I love you and Jill. And I am forever thankful to you both.

"And to Coach Tim Walz, you are going to be an incredible Vice President. And to the delegates and everyone who has put your faith in our campaign - your support is humbling.

"America, the path that led me here in recent weeks, was no doubt ... unexpected. But I'm no stranger to unlikely journeys...

"...I grew up immersed in the ideals of the Civil Rights Movement. My parents had met at a civil rights gathering. And they made sure we learned about civil rights leaders, including lawyers like Thurgood Marshall and Constance Baker Motley.

"Those who battled in the courtroom to make real the Promise of America. So, at a young age, I decided I wanted to do that work. I wanted to be a lawyer.

"And when it came time to choose - the type of law I would pursue - I reflected on a pivotal moment in my life.

"When I was in high school, I started to notice something about my best friend Wanda. She was sad at school. And there were times she didn't want to go home.

"So, one day, I asked if everything was alright. And she confided in me that she was being sexually abused by her stepfather. And I immediately told her she had to come stay with us.

"And she did. That is one of the reasons I became a prosecutor.

"To protect people like Wanda. Because I believe everyone has a right: To safety. To dignity. And to justice.

"As a prosecutor, when I had a case, I charged it not in the name of the victim. But in the name of. 'The People.'

"For a simple reason. In our system of justice, a harm against any one of us is a harm against all of us. I would often explain this, to console survivors of crime. To remind them: No one should be made to fight

alone. We are all in this together.

"Every day in the courtroom, I stood proudly before a judge and said five words: 'Kamala Harris, for the People.' And to be clear: My entire career, I have only had one client. The People.

"And so, on behalf of The People, On behalf of every American. Regardless of party. Race. Gender. Or the language your grandmother speaks.

"On behalf of my mother and everyone who has ever set out on their own unlikely journey. On behalf of Americans like the people I grew up with. People who work hard. Chase their dreams. And look out for one another. On behalf of everyone whose story could only be written in the greatest nation on Earth. I accept your nomination for President of the United States of America.

"With this election, our nation has a precious, fleeting opportunity to move past the bitterness, cynicism, and divisive battles of the past. A chance to chart a New Way Forward. Not as members of any one party or faction. But as Americans. I know there are people of various political views watching tonight. And I want you to know: I promise to be a President for all Americans.

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**NEWARK** - What started out as a downtown bus ride for a NJTransit passenger and his bus driver Aug. 16 ended with both being booked at Newark Police Headquarters for aggravated assault - on each other.

Police division officers, said Newark Public Safety Director Fritz Frage, came to the corner of Court and Broad streets on a report of an onboard bus fight at 1 p.m. They arrived to find the bus driver and the passenger beating each other before about 24 onboard passengers.

Officers separated the duo and began interviewing them and the riders. The driver, identified as Toron Walker, and passengers said that the altercation began when the rider spat on the driver, igniting a war of words. The bus was at Broad and Lafayette streets after Noon.

Those words, going by passengers' onboard cell phone video recordings, escalated to where Walker parked the bus at Broad and Court, got out of his seat, ordered passengers to move to the rear of or exit the bus and began punching the alleged spitter. The driver was shown putting the rider in a chokehold before throwing him down onto the center aisle.

Although neither suffered serious injuries, Walker was charged with aggravated assault - as was the rider for spitting on him. Both Newark and NJTransit Police are investigating the incident.

A NJTransit spokesman con-

firmed that there was an assault aboard one of its buses and the agency does not condone such on any of its vehicles and facilities. The driver is "out of service." The rep reminded the public that assaulting any transit employee is punishable by fine, up to seven years' imprisonment and a permanent riding ban.

**IRVINGTON** - Funeral arrangements were not immediately available as of press time for resident and retired Irvington Police Division Sgt. Winchester Beaumont.

Beaumont, 52, according to IPD Police Benevolent Association Local 29's Facebook page, had died Aug. 24.

Local 29's posting said that Beaumont was first hired by Irvington Township as a telecommunication specialist, answering 911 calls, in 1994. He joined "Irvington's Finest" July 20, 2000 after taking training at the Essex County Police Academy. "Chad" was promoted to sergeant before retiring Dec. 1, 2020.

Beaumont's mother, wife and two daughters are among his survivors.

It is anticipated that Beaumont's last rites will be held in the local church where he was a deacon.

**EAST ORANGE** - City elders are honoring a city pioneer by giving visitors to the East Orange Fire Department Headquarters a new entrance in her name in early 2026.

Mayor Theodore "Ted" Green and Interim Fire Chief Bruce Davis unveiled an artist's rendering of the coming Alberta E. Daniels Heritage Hall at the headquarters here July 31. The Daniels Hall, which will be built on 486 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.'s west side, will eliminate visitors having to enter by walking through a fire engine bay door.

The Art Deco era headquarters and the Elmwood Fire Station 5 at 205 Elmwood Ave. are being renovated and modernized. Station 5's fire engine and ladder truck, for example, had been earlier moved east across Stuyvesant Avenue to a temporary tent erected on the former Vernon L. Davey Middle School/first Langston Hughes School parking lot.

Daniels, who turned 95 in

August, was also among the announcement's dignitaries. The East Orange High School graduate was the first woman appointed to the East Orange Board of Fire Commissioners 1986-2005. The East Orange Women's Alliance co-founder is the longest-serving East Orange Democratic Committee member.

Daniels, then and now, is a Fifth Ward resident. Former Essex County then-Freeholder and Registrar and once-city councilwoman Carol Clark is her daughter.

**ORANGE** - Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Council President Adrienne Wooten, East Ward Councilman Kerry Coley and at-large councilors Clifford Ross and Weldon "Monty" Montague III made some 10 stops on their annual National Night Out tour Aug. 20 wearing "Orange United" t-shirts.

The white shirts featured a black shield with the city, police and fire department logos on the corners and "2024 A City United" working at the center. Below that line is: "Our Fight, Our Time, Our City."

Montague, who "Local Talk" met up at the "Rock the Vote" Ebenezer Baptist Church voter registration sign up at the corner of Park and William streets Aug. 24, explained the reasoning behind the "City United" slogan.

"We've had, 'Moving Orange Forward' during political times," said Montague. "We're a family who have had their argument. Now it's time for, 'A City United.'"

Montague added that the "United" shirts debuted at the 40th anniversary NNO last year. 2023 was also when Rock the Vote and EBC started holding voter registrations together.

"We're a Democratic state but our turn out is low," said Montague. "We've some 17,000 registered voters in a city of 30-to-34,000 but our turnout is in the hundreds or low thousands."

Saturday's registration drive, meet-and-greet and cookout was held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Two people, with children in tow, signed up the first 30 minutes; another two promised to return later.

**WEST ORANGE** - Township elders and representatives of the Black Inventors Hall of

Fame are working on the details of landing the former's museum at the Mayfair Farms site.

BIHOF Executive Director James Howard, from his Wharton headquarters Aug. 14, announced that the institution had bought a 5.5-acre parcel of the former banquet hall property. An artist's rendition has a new building attached to a to-be-renovated mansion-turned-catering kitchen.

The combined old-new structure will be an overall 105,000 square feet to house the hall of fame, museum and a STEAM learning center. It is not clear whether the 5.5 acres include the intended site of a four-story assisted living center.

The West Orange Planning Board had earlier approved subdividing Mayfair Farms for senior housing and commercial uses after it ended its 80-year run in 2022. Township planners allowed Wonder Group caterers to move in. Wonder, known for its final food preparation vans appearing at clients' doors, had applied to add 10 BBQ meat smokers to 481 Eagle Rock Ave. to the property July 8.

BIHOF has a touring display; "The Three Era of African American Inventor Experience Journey," that has made stops at Essex Community College's Newark Main Campus, Princeton and as distant as Alexandria, Va. It has inducted said inventors annually since 2022.

Inductee Lewis Latimer (1848-1928) had collaborated with Thomas A. Edison 1884-1911 on several inventions and was a legal patent consultant here. He was the first African American member of the Edison Pioneers.

**SOUTH ORANGE / MAPLEWOOD** - Menorah Chapels of Millburn at Union announced the July 8 death of Edith Oxfeld, who resided in South Orange for 74 of her 104 years here, on Aug. 20.

Edith and husband Emil Oxfeld, who died July 20, 2003, had raised daughters Nancy and Ellen at 252 Raymond Ct., which was built for them in 1950. While Edith had ended her career as an English and business teacher at the then-South Side High School to raise them, she became active in various South Orange-Maplewood or-

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## THE FINAL 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS WRAP UP

By Walter Elliott

*"The important thing in life is not the triumph, but the fight; the essential thing is not to have won but to have fought well." - The Olympic Creed.*

**NEWARK** - At least three United States Olympic Committee team athletes who call the "Local Talk" area home have arrived to celebrate their respective Paris Summer Games gold medal efforts.

Edrice Femi "Bam" Adebayo, of Newark, and Jackie Dubrovich, of Maplewood, earned gold medals with their respective men's basketball and women's fencing foil teams before the 2024 Paris games ended Aug. 11.

Upper Montclair's Jesse Grupper meanwhile placed 18th in sport climbing.

Adebyo was part of the USA team who defeated the hometown French national team, 98-87, for the gold Aug. 10. Some of the Newark native's teammates, including Stephen Curry, made a last minute scoring drive to give Team USA its fifth straight team gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee had allowed professional basketball players onto member teams, which led to the landmark 1992 USA "Super Team." France had several players from the NBA while the US had Curry, LeBron James and a deep roster of potential NBA Hall of Fame candidates.

That US roster includes Adebayo, who plays for the Miami Heat. Other locals like Shaquille O'Neal and Kyrie Irving have played for the US Men's team in the past.

Dubrovich and her fencing

colleagues meanwhile won the US' first team gold medal in foil competition. She, Lee Keifer, Lauren Scruggs and Maia Weintraub had defeated the Italian national team that had defeated them for the bronze medal in the "2020" Summer Games at Tokyo. (The latest Tokyo games were postponed to 2021 by the global COVID-19 pandemic.)

The Riverdale, NJ native had moved to Maplewood to run the New Jersey Fencing Alliance in that township's Hilton section.

Grupper, while finishing 18th in sport climbing's respective lead and boulder competition, was unable to qualify for the finals. He scored a respective 18.9 points and 30.9 points compared to gold medalist Sorato Anraku's 69 and 137 points.

Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, daughter of East Orange High School track and field

runner Willie McLaughlin, attained a gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles Aug. 8 and set a 50.37 sec. world record.

McLaughlin-Levrone's second straight Olympic gold came by beating herself. She had set a 51.46 sec. world record while winning the "2020" Summer Olympic Games at Tokyo Aug. 5, 2021.

Levrone, career-wise, had gone farther than her father. Willie McLaughlin. W. McLaughlin was a multiple All American awardee from Manhattan College got as far as 400m in the 1984 USOC Olympic Trials' semifinal.

The above results are from the 1,800 athletes and coaches the USOC sent to Paris. It does not include any "Local Talk" athletes who competed under another nation's or committee's flag.

# SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway, Jr.



Photos By Felicia Laguerre Owens



This past weekend, players from Gotham FC returned from the Gold medal winning United States Women's Soccer Olympic Team and hosted the Portland Thorns, who limped back to the PNW after a 2-0 loss in Harrison at Red Bulls Stadium.

FC got on the board in the first seven minutes on a goal by Ella Stevens. After some tough defense from both teams, Yazmeen Ryan booted one past the keeper in the 70 minute to make the score 2-0. Gotham extended its winning record to 10-4 -3 on the season.

In the annual Snoopy Bowl, the New York Jets beat the New York Giants 10-3. No notable players took the field in the last preseason matchup in order to prevent injury.

Turning to New Jersey High School Football, the inaugural Mountaineer Football Classic will see Verona play Jefferson at West Orange High School.

Then, Hillside will take on Snyder, while West Orange will play Orange High. On Saturday afternoon, Newark's West Side will play Columbia, and that night it will be Plainfield squaring off against Newark's East Side High School.

In other sports news, the team from Lake Mary, Florida won the Little League World Series in a 3-2 walkoff after Chinese Taipei had a throwing error on a bunt.

Finally, former wrestling champion Sid Eudy, known as "Sid Vicious," "Sid Justice," and "Sycho Sid," has passed away. The "Master and Ruler of the World" was 63.



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ganizations.

The former League of Women Voters chapter president was also active with the Maplewood/South Orange Peace and Community Action in the 1960s and 70s. She was a protester against nuclear testing and the wars in Vietnam and Iraq.

The former Edith Brodsky was born in Brest Litovsk, then in Poland, July 4, 1920. She and younger sister Selma emigrated with the family to Newark in 1925. Edith and Selma graduated from schools in Newark and Irvington; they lived at Newark's 109 Hillside Ave. in 1940.

Edith graduated from Montclair State Teachers College/Normal School in 1942 and had volunteered as a nurse's aide in local hospitals during World War Two. She became Edith Oxfeld after marrying the civil liberties lawyer in 1947.

Emil, who founded the ACLU of New Jersey in 1960 and was its president until 1985, and Edith also collected contemporary art. Edith, post-Emil, attended chamber orchestra performances in Maplewood and opera in New York until recently.

The Oxfelds thank Casimira, Elisabete and Patricia Paulo for their caretaking since 2020. A gathering, not a formal memorial service, is to be announced. Memorial donations may go the ACLU-NJ Foundation and/or New Jersey Peace Action.

There should be no surprise to see mourners from here, Montclair, West Orange, South Orange and Maplewood having paid respects to Cong. William "Bill" Pascrell (D-Paterson) at Paterson's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Aug. 27-28.

Pascrell, 78, who died of breathing conditions Aug. 21 at Livingston's Copperman-Barnabas Medical Center, was those "Local Talk" towns' "Our Man on Capitol Hill" 1997-2001 despite his being a lifelong Patersonian.

Pascrell was first elected to Congress' House of Representatives via the old Eighth District in 1997. The "Old Eighth" included the eight "Local Talk" towns until they were drawn out after the 2000 Census. The 14-term Congressman and his home city became the core of the current Ninth District in 2013.

He created legislation which created and funded the USDOT rush hour railroad station minibus grant program in 1998, basing it on the pioneering 1996 Maplewood jitney service. The bill led to jitney service in Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Montclair, West Orange, South Orange, Irvington and Union County's Springfield plus expanding Maplewood's service. (Orange had jitney service for two years; East Orange was awarded a mini grant.)

Pascrell, who was on the Houses' Ways and Means Committee and was an original Homeland Security Committee member, also led the bid to designate Paterson's Great Falls district a National Historic Park.

William James Pascrell, Jr. born the

grandson of Italian Immigrants Jan. 25, 1937, was first appointed onto Paterson Board of Education before running successfully as an assemblyman in the "old 35th" State Legislative District in 1987. The former Paramus High School teacher left the State House to get elected as Paterson's mayor in 1990. He left that city hall to take his Capitol Hill seat in 1997.

Democrats in the 9th CD's 35 Passaic, Bergen and Hudson are to replace Pascrell's name on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot on or before Aug. 29. Pascrell won his party's June 4 primary towards a 15th two-year term.

Wife Elise, sons Bill III, David and Glenn, daughter Kelly, sisters Barbara Pascrell and Joyce Ferraro, three grandsons and three granddaughters are among the former U.S. Army reservist's survivors. Memorial donations may be made to the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey, Eva's Kitchen and/or the Kessler Foundation.

**MONTCLAIR** - The Montclair Public Schools will be launching a five-year strategic plan along with the 2024-25 school year.

The Montclair Board of Education concluded 10 months of plan development by approving it at their Aug. 12 meeting. The plan, which was introduced in October, was refined through three community planning sessions last November and December.

The plan has set goals in five areas for the district through 2030: Achievement for

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**HARRIS** (Continued from page 8)

“You can always trust me to put country above party and self. To hold sacred America’s fundamental principles. From the rule of law. To free and fair elections. To the peaceful transfer of power.

“I will be a President who unites us around our highest aspirations. A President who leads. And listens. Who is realistic. Practical. And has common sense. And always fights for the American people. From the courthouse to the White House, that has been my life’s work...

“...Fellow Americans, this election is not only the most important of our lives. It is one of the most important in the life of our nation.

“In many ways, Donald Trump is an un-serious man. But the consequences of putting Donald Trump back in the White House are extremely serious. Consider not only the chaos and calamity when he was in office, but also the gravity of what has happened since he lost the last election.

“Donald Trump tried to throw away your votes. When he failed, he sent an armed mob to the United States Capitol, where they assaulted law enforcement officers. When politicians in his own party begged him to call off the mob and send help, he did the opposite. He fanned the flames.

“And now, for an entirely different set of crimes, he was found guilty of fraud by a

jury of everyday Americans. And separately, found liable for committing sexual abuse.

“And consider what he intends to do if we give him power again. Consider his explicit intent to set free the violent extremists who assaulted those law enforcement officers at the Capitol. His explicit intent to jail journalists. Political opponents. Anyone he sees as the enemy. His explicit intent to deploy our active-duty military against our own citizens.

“Consider the power he will have - especially after the United States Supreme Court just ruled he would be immune from criminal prosecution.

“Just imagine Donald Trump with no guardrails. How he would use the immense powers of the presidency of the United States. Not to improve your life. Not to strengthen our national security. But to serve the only client he has ever had: Himself.

“And we know what a second Trump term would look like. It’s all laid out in ‘Project 2025.’ Written by his closest advisors. And its sum total is to pull, our country back into the past.

“But America, we are not going back. We are not going back to when Donald Trump tried to cut Social Security and Medicare. We are not going back to when he tried to get rid of the Affordable Care Act. When insurance companies could deny people with pre-existing conditions.

“We are not going to let him eliminate

the Department of Education that funds our public schools. We are not going to let him end programs like Head Start that provide preschool and child care.

“America, we are not going back. We are charting. A. New. Way. Forward...

“...As President, I will bring together: Labor and workers, Small business owners and entrepreneurs, And American companies. To create jobs. Grow our economy. And lower the cost of everyday needs. Like health care. Housing. And groceries.

“We will: Provide access to capital for small business owners, entrepreneurs, and founders. We will end America’s housing shortage. And protect Social Security and Medicare.

“Compare that to Donald Trump. He doesn’t actually fight for the middle class. Instead, he fights for himself and his billionaire friends. He will give them another round of tax breaks, that will add 5 trillion dollars to the national debt.

“All while he intends to enact what, in effect, is a national sales tax - call it, a Trump tax - that would raise prices on middle-class families by almost 4 thousand dollars a year.

“Well, instead of a Trump tax hike, we will pass a middle class tax cut that will benefit more than 100 million Americans.

“Friends, I believe America cannot truly be prosperous unless Americans are fully  
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**TOWN WATCH**

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all (including staff), community communication and engagement, operations and systems and an "Equitable, Safe and Healthy Learning Environment." The plan, as presented by Interim Superintendent of Schools Damen Cooper and Charlene Peterson of the N.J. School Boards Association Aug. 12. is to be a living document guided by "meaningful, research-oriented and data-driven action steps."

Exactly what those action steps will be are to be set by the board during its annual late August retreat.

**Aron Funeral Sept. 7**

The family of Michael Aron have set his memorial service for 2 p.m. Sept. 7 here at the First Congregational Church, 40 So. Fullerton Ave. Aaron, 78, a five-decade New Jersey political reporter, news host and editor, died after a lingering illness Aug. 13. Memorial donations may be made to Integrity House.

**BELLEVILLE / NUTLEY** - Belleville motorists, bus riders, pedestrians and business owners who have endured NJDOT's Washington Avenue rehabilitation project so far may want to take up to three years' worth of patience with them here - and in Nutley when the project comes

to them.

NJDOT and its contractors have closed Washington's two center lanes along a five block stretch in Belleville since early this summer. All traffic - including NJTransit buses and delivery vehicles - have to take the right hand lanes.

Curbside parking along that stretch has been suspended. The construction zone's Jersey barriers have blocked pedestrian and vehicular cross street intersection traffic.

NJDOT, in an August update, said that the "Route 7 Rehabilitation" project is advancing northward in eight stages, which began in April between Howard Place and Rutgers Street. This summer's work is between Rut-

gers and Holmes Street.

The remaining Belleville stages are to be between Holmes and Joralemon Street, Joralemon and Little Street, Little and Greylock Parkway, Greylock to Carmer Avenue. and Carmer into Nutley's Hancox Place. The all-Nutley and last stage is to be Hancox to Centre Street.

The two-mile NJ Route 7 stretch of Washington Avenue is to benefit from \$20 million worth of milling, paving, traffic signal upgrading and high-visibility crosswalks and curb cuts. Essex County had concluded its own two-mile repaving and fiber optic cable installation project along Newark's Broadway in May.

**EDITORIAL**

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tion. He has also included Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Tulsi Gabbard in his transition team. Gabbard is the one who shredded Kamala Harris in the first presidential primary debate back in 2019, effectively torpedoing her campaign before even getting to Iowa. We all are waiting on the outcome of the first presiden-

tial debate between Harris and Trump.

The wars are still going on. Someone must take charge of these problems for all of us. The wars between Israel and Hamas, Iran, and Syria, and the war between Russia and Ukraine. As a leader of the world, we are the only one who can stop the wars, if we become neutral and offer good solutions to all the parties in my opinion.

Trump has been indicted again in the Jan.

6 election interference case. They changed some things around after the Supreme Court declared that Trump had some immunity from certain prosecution for presidential acts. We'll have to wait and see what Jack Smith is brewing and what he hopes to gain from altering the charges a little.

*Have a wonderful week.  
I'll talk to you next week.*

The Observation Booth



OP-ED By Andrea Dialect

CLUTCH YOUR PEARLS

LITTLE ME

Parenting is twenty-five years to life, and you don't always get off on good behavior. Rearing children is a far cry from purchasing Nike sneakers and cutesy outfits. Your entire life will change. If you ain't into the DRASTIC changes and challenges of the unknown, take the necessary steps to avoid doing so, and do not - I repeat - don't opt in!

That's one of the many things I always told my children or other folks' children. My mama always told us, "A hard head makes a soft behind." This new Tamie Tutor, social media guru's approach to rearing our

kids will mean many sleepless nights - mark my words.

I ain't saying that the older generation knew it all. They had their shortcomings, yes indeed. But for the most part, they did pretty well, although maybe those who reared you personally may have dropped the ball. But one thing was for certain, many exemplified or told ya what you should do, either by word or deed.

Today, unfortunately, there are way too many who, I find, sadly exemplify what ya should not. But, when I really think about it, I guess, in many instances, that can be even more beneficial. The words that follow are reprints on the page. Read it and let it sit right there.

Look around at our present state in humanity. Because this, by far, is not only a Mocha thang and has never been for the love of God. We are really in a bad



state. Look, watch, think about it, and pray. Because we're going to need it, and I will return to this subject matter in the near future.

I hear it over and over, time and time again... in the streets, on the bus, in the church house, the schoolhouse - you name it! "They" (as in somebody else) need to help with these kids. First off, who's "they"? Secondly, what the hell can be done instantaneously when it comes to mind stuff... Annihilate? That's what I told 'em on the bus that day and a little bit of what follows of course, give or take lol.

When I could no longer deal with the foolishness of that convo, "they need to help us with these kidz!", and there was a whole bunch of pearl clutchin' That's how the title came about.

MAMA'S BABY, AND DADDY'S SOMETIMES NOT...

Truth is, many of us are as bad off as kids, and when Mama or Daddy didn't do it, or don't do it, or if one or both aren't physically present and/or mentally and emotionally available and stable, we cannot expect other folk to tidy up our mess. That's the gist of our misconception of being victimized during the aftermath of such negligence, as if society has dropped the ball when they didn't send in the clean-up crew. We must take responsibility for whom or what we're shooing outta that house, which is now parading around as the family rep, cause ...

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able to make their own decisions about their own lives. Especially on matters of heart and home.

"But tonight, too many women in America are not able to make those decisions. Let's be clear about how we got here. Donald Trump hand-picked members of the United States Supreme Court to take away reproductive freedom. And now he brags about it. His words: Quote - 'I did it, and I'm proud to have done it.' End quote.

"Over the past two years, I have traveled across our country. And women have told me their stories. Husbands and fathers have shared theirs. Stories of: Women miscarrying in a parking lot...Getting sepsis...Losing the ability to ever have children

again...

"All because doctors are afraid of going to jail for caring for their patients. Couples just trying to grow their family...cut off in the middle of IVF treatments. Children who have survived sexual assault, potentially forced to carry the pregnancy to term.

"This is what is happening in our country. Because of Donald Trump. And understand, he is not done.

"As a part of his agenda, he and his allies would: Limit access to birth control, ban medication abortion, and enact a nationwide abortion ban with or without Congress.

"And. Get this, he plans to create a National Anti-Abortion Coordinator. And force states to report on women's miscarriages

and abortions. Simply put. They are out of their minds...

"...America, let us show each other - and the world - who we are. And what we stand for. Freedom. Opportunity. Compassion. Dignity. Fairness. And endless possibilities.

"We are the heirs to the greatest democracy in the history of the world. And on behalf of our children and grandchildren, and all those who sacrificed so dearly for our freedom and liberty, we must be worthy of this moment. It is now our turn to do what generations before us have done. Guided by optimism and faith, to fight for this country we love.

"To fight for the ideals we cherish. And to uphold the awesome responsibility that comes with the greatest privilege on

Earth. The privilege and pride of being an American.

"So, let's get out there and let's fight for it. Let's get out there and let's vote for it. And together, let us write the next great chapter in the most extraordinary story ever told.

"Thank you. God bless you. May God bless the United States of America."

While Democrats are excited about the pros of Harris and running mate Tim Walz running the country, the GOP has been quick to point out the cons. Among them are Harris' record as "border czar", which Harris and some in the media have denied but in 2021 she was indeed called the "border czar." Also, some are wary of Harris and Walz possibly being "too liberal" in their policies.

**WORLD NEWS**

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turned displacement shelters, hospitals and clinics has been destroyed.

A case of polio was confirmed in Gaza last week, in a 10-month-old child. It was the first such instance of the lifelong crippling disease in over 25 years. Though there is no cure, vaccines against the disease can protect a child for life.

The child had developed paralysis in the lower left leg and is reported to be in a stable condition.

"Polio will not make the distinction between Palestinian and Israeli children," UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini said last week, highlighting the need for urgent pause in fighting to mitigate the risk of spread of the disease.

He reiterated the call on Aug. 26, stressing that UN agencies and partners "stand ready to vaccinate children, but need a humanitarian pause."

Meanwhile, the plight of civilians in the war-ravaged Gaza Strip continues unabated.

According to UNRWA, due to ongoing military operations in Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza only three of the area's 18 water wells remain functional, resulting in 85 percent water shortfall.

"Not only are people in Gaza in constant fear for their lives, but they struggle to meet even their most basic needs," the agency said.

Risk of other deadly infectious disease also remains high with water and sanitation systems disrupted across the enclave, including at hospitals, WHO warned.

Its effort to mitigate the threat continues. The agency recently provided hospitals in north and south Gaza with a range of critical medical supplies, including anesthesia and analgesic drugs to cover the needs of around 44,500 patients.

Some 200 ICU beds were also delivered to Gaza and are expected to support at least five health facilities in expanding bed capacity, the agency added in a separate post.

**EUROPE  
DUTCH AUTHORITY  
SMOKES UBER**

On Aug. 26, the Dutch Data Protection Authority (DPA) imposed a fine of 290 million euros on Uber. The Dutch DPA found that Uber transferred personal data of European taxi drivers to the United States (US) and failed to appropriately safeguard the data with regard to these transfers. According to the Dutch DPA, this constitutes a serious violation of the General Data Protection Regulation

(GDPR). In the meantime, Uber has ended the violation.

"In Europe, the GDPR protects the fundamental rights of people, by requiring businesses and governments to handle personal data with due care," Dutch DPA chairman Aleid Wolfsen says. "But sadly, this is not self-evident outside Europe. Think of governments that can tap data on a large scale. That is why businesses are usually obliged to take additional measures if they store personal data of Europeans outside the European Union. Uber did not meet the requirements of the GDPR to ensure the level of protection to the data with regard to transfers to the US. That is very serious."

The Dutch DPA found that Uber collected, among other things, sensitive information of drivers from Europe and retained it on servers in the US. It concerns account details and taxi licenses, but also location data, photos, payment details, identity documents, and in some cases even criminal and medical data of drivers.

For a period of over 2 years, Uber transferred those data to Uber's headquarters in the US, without using transfer tools. Because of this, the protection of personal data was not sufficient. The Court of Justice of the EU invalidated the EU-US Privacy Shield in 2020.

According to the Court, Standard Contractual Clauses could still provide a valid basis for transferring data to countries outside the EU, but only if an equivalent level of protection can be guaranteed in practice.

Because Uber no longer used Standard Contractual Clauses from August 2021, the data of drivers from the EU were insufficiently protected, according to the Dutch DPA. Since the end of last year, Uber uses the successor to the Privacy Shield.

The Dutch DPA started the investigation on Uber after more than 170 French drivers complained to the French human rights interest group the Ligue des droits de l'Homme (LDH), which subsequently submitted a complaint to the French DPA.

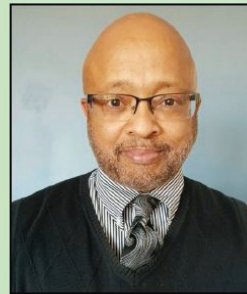
Pursuant to the GDPR, businesses that process data in several EU Member States have to deal with one DPA: the authority in the country in which the business has its main establishment. Uber's European headquarters is based in the Netherlands. During the investigation, the Dutch DPA closely cooperated with the French DPA and coordinated the decision with other European DPAs.

All DPAs in Europe calculate the amount of fines for businesses in the same manner. Those fines amount to a maximum of 4% of the worldwide annual turnover of a business. Uber had a worldwide turnover of around 34.5 billion euro in

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Meliana Lopez-Cruz

vs.

Reynaldo Ramos  
(f/k/a Jose Mario Hernandez Perez)

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Caroline Wright  
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151 W. Dunbar Cave Road  
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2023. Uber has indicated its intent to object to the fine.

This is the third fine that the Dutch DPA imposes on Uber. The Dutch DPA imposed a fine of 600,000 euro on Uber in 2018, and a fine of 10 million euro in 2023. Uber has objected to this last fine.

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