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IN THE NEWS

Continued Reporting: Attorney General, Director Wray Face Congress Amid Rising Political and International Tensions

The [New York Post](#) (06/05, Keane) reported that Attorney General Merrick Garland warned of an increased terror threat in the U.S. since October 7, stating that the threat level "has gone up enormously." Garland expressed his concerns during his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, highlighting his daily worries about a possible terrorist attack. He said, "I am worried about the possibility of a terrorist attack in the country after October 7. The threat level for us has gone up enormously. Every morning, we worry about this question. We try to track anyone who might be trying to hurt the country. Of course, this is a major priority for the Justice

Department." [USA TODAY](#) (06/05, Russell) explained that Garland testified for nearly five hours on a variety of topics before the House Judiciary Committee, addressing allegations from former President Donald Trump's Republican allies who questioned the integrity of the Justice Department. Committee chair Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio stated, "Many Americans believe there's now a double standard of our justice system. They believe that because there is." In his defense, Garland emphasized the importance of maintaining the integrity of the Justice Department's operations, saying, "I view contempt as a serious matter. But I will not jeopardize the ability of our prosecutors and agents to do their jobs effectively in future investigations. I will not be intimidated."

Director Wray Testifies Before Senate Appropriations Subcommittee

According to the New York Post article, Director Wray echoed these concerns in his testimony earlier the same day before a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Director Wray emphasized the elevated nature of current threats, stating, "I'd be hard-pressed to think of a time where so many threats to our public safety and national security were so elevated all at once." He further noted that the ongoing conflict in Gaza has significantly increased the threats against the U.S., bringing them to "a whole 'nother level" and contributing to a rise in antisemitism and hate crimes. [The Epoch Times](#) (06/05, Duchamps) noted that Director Wray also made his case on the FBI's budget request totaling \$11.3 billion for Fiscal Year 2025, saying the requested resources are crucial for the law enforcement agency to continue "national security, intelligence, criminal law enforcement, and criminal justice services missions." In a statement, Director Wray said, "As described in this threat summary, our adversaries are not scaling back their efforts because of the constrained budget environment. In fact, threat actors may try to take advantage of federal budget reductions to conduct nefarious activities. The FBI cannot afford to be playing catch-up to the People's Republic of China, Hamas, transnational organized criminals coming across the border, and cyber actors. With the requested resources, the FBI will have the talent, tools, and authorities to do more to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution." Director Wray also noted that the FBI has no information to indicate whether Hamas has either the intent or capability to conduct a terrorist attack inside the United States but pointed out that the agency cannot discount that possibility because of the likelihood of "Hamas supporters engaging in violence on the group's behalf." "We are concerned with any FTO (Foreign Terrorist Organization) that may exploit the attacks in Israel as a tool to mobilize their followers around the world. In recent years, there have been several events and incidents in the United States that were purportedly motivated, at least in part, by the conflict between Israel and Hamas," he said. Another article from [The Epoch Times](#) (06/05, Phillips) reported that Director Wray stated that the United States needs "a whole lot more from Mexico" to effectively combat drug cartels and stop the flow of narcotics into the country. Director Wray acknowledged some successes with Mexico but emphasized, "We need a whole lot more from Mexico than we've gotten in terms of shutting down the cartels and stopping the flow of the precursors." He also highlighted a recent FBI raid in New Mexico that uncovered enough fentanyl to kill hundreds of thousands of people, along with "hand grenades, ballistic vests, you know, the whole nine yards." Additionally, Director Wray testified that threats against the Jewish community in the U.S. have risen since the Hamas attack on Israeli civilians on October 7, noting, "Religiously motivated hate crimes, close to 60 percent of them, are targeted at the Jewish community."

Additionally, [WABI \(CBS-5\)](#) (06/05, Whaley) and [WGME \(CBS-13\)](#) (06/05, Murtagh) reported that Director Wray addressed the issue of illegal marijuana grow operations in Maine, following questioning from Sen. Susan Collins. Collins highlighted a recent bust in Somerset County involving 1,500 marijuana plants and other drug-related materials. Director Wray explained, "Our assessment is that it's a combination of the fact that it is activity that can be done relatively cheaply, and by comparison to other drugs in the United States, the consequences that they face from a legal perspective are not as severe as that they might be in other countries where they might also want to operate. So, it makes for an attractive business proposition." He noted the absence of ties to the Chinese government but confirmed links to Chinese organized crime and mentioned that illegal grows are also appearing on tribal lands.

- Additional reporting on the story was provided by Strat News Global (06/05, Revi), [Algemeiner](#) (06/05, Walker), and [Economic Times](#) (06/05, Staff Writer).
- CBS News (06/05, Video) and Fox News (06/05, Video) provided video coverage.
- MSNBC (06/05, Benen) and the Boston Globe (06/05, Stohr) provided opinion pieces on the story.

FBI Cyber Division Assistant Director Bryan Vorndran Speaks at 2024 Boston Conference on Cyber Security

[Bleeping Computer](#) (06/05, Gatlan) and [CyberDaily](#) (06/06, Croft) reported that the FBI has recovered over 7,000 decryption keys from the LockBit ransomware and is urging past victims to come forward to reclaim their data for free. According to the articles, FBI Cyber Division Assistant Director Bryan Vorndran announced at the 2024 Boston Conference on Cyber Security, "From our ongoing disruption of LockBit, we now have over 7,000 decryption keys and can help victims reclaim their data and get back online." He further encouraged victims to visit the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov. Vorndran's keynote provided an analysis of Operation Cronos and its findings, revealing that "LockBit was set up by a Russian coder named Dmitry Khoroshev," who uses online aliases like 'Putinkrab,' 'Nerowolfe,' and 'LockBitsupp.' Vorndran stated, "He maintains the image of a shadowy hacker... But, really, he is a criminal, more caught up in the bureaucracy of managing his company than in any covert activities." The articles explained that Khoroshev, who has been sanctioned by the US, UK, and Australia, attempted to mitigate his situation by betraying his competitors. "Khoroshev then tried to get us to go easy on him by turning on his competitors, naming other ransomware-as-a-service operators," said Vorndran. "So, it really is like dealing with organized crime gangs, where the boss rolls over and asks for leniency. We will not go easy on him." The articles noted that the FBI discovered that LockBit and its affiliates were keeping stolen data even after receiving ransom payments, despite assurances to victims that the data had been deleted.

Appeals Court Halts Trump's Georgia Case During Appeal of Order

The [Associated Press](#) (06/05, Brumback) and the [Washington Post](#) (06/05, Gardner) reported that an appeals court has paused the Georgia election interference case against former President Donald Trump while it reviews a ruling allowing Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis to remain on the case. According to the articles, Trump and eight others had sought to remove Willis, arguing that her relationship with special prosecutor Nathan Wade created a conflict of interest. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee had previously found no conflict of interest but allowed the appeal to proceed. The Court of Appeals has scheduled a tentative hearing for October 4, with a ruling expected by mid-March, delaying any potential trial until after the November general election. The articles noted that this development makes it even more unlikely that the case will go to trial before Trump is expected to be the Republican nominee for president. The story was also reported on by [ABC News](#) (06/05, Rubin), [Axios](#) (06/05, Doherty), [BBC](#) (06/05, Matza), [CBS News](#) (06/05, Quinn, Eggleston), [CNBC](#) (06/05, Mangan), [CNN](#) (06/05, Cohen, Murray, Morris), [Fox News](#) (06/05, Herlihy), [The Hill](#) (06/05, Lee, Schonfeld), [NBC News](#) (06/05, Gile, Gregorian), [New York Times](#) (06/05, Fausset), [Politico](#) (06/05, Cheney), and [Reuters](#) (06/05, Goudsward).

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Washington Man Sentenced for 20 'Swatting' Calls of False Threats in U.S., Canada

The [Associated Press](#) (06/05, Staff Writer) reported that Ashton Connor Garcia, a Washington state man, was sentenced to three years in prison for making 20 false reports of bombs and shootings across the U.S. and Canada. According to the article, Garcia pleaded guilty to extortion and threats regarding explosives, admitting he intended to cause the deployment of SWAT teams and bomb squads. The FBI was involved in responding to these false emergencies, which included fake bomb scares for Fox News in Cleveland and a flight from Honolulu to Los Angeles. Prosecutors noted that Garcia used voice-over-internet technology to conceal his identity and threatened to send emergency responses to victims' homes unless they provided money, credit card information, or explicit images.

Counterterrorism Chief to Step Down After Three Years on the Job

[CBS News](#) (06/05, Gazis) reported that Christy Abizaid will step down next month as the director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) after three years in the role. She will be succeeded by Brett Holmgren, the current director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, who will serve as the acting director. The article explained that the NCTC, housed in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, functions as the government's primary counterterrorism analysis hub, coordinating with agencies like the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security. In a statement, Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines said of the moves: "Christy Abizaid is an extraordinary leader who is not only incredibly effective but principled, courageous, and kind. We will miss her, but we are beyond fortunate to have Brett Holmgren taking on the leadership of NCTC — another truly exceptional leader in the counterterrorism field and a distinguished member of the IC leadership team." Additional reporting on the story was provided by [UPI](#) (06/05, Heuer), [New York Times](#) (06/05, Schmitt), and [Reuters](#) (06/05, Staff Writer).

California Man Found Convicted for Threatening to 'Unabomb' FBI Field Office in L.A.

[KTLA \(CW-5\)](#) (06/05, Schlepp) reported that Mark William Anten, a Los Angeles man, was found guilty of making violent threats, including threatening to "Unabomb" the FBI Field Office in Los Angeles. According to the article, Anten, who has been in custody since his arrest last December, sent multiple threatening emails to the FBI, boasting about his similarities to the Unabomber Ted Kaczynski. Despite being warned by FBI officers, Anten continued his threats, even sending emails about committing mass murder and making a dirty bomb. The article noted that the FBI investigated and arrested Anten, who was found guilty after a three-day trial and faces up to five years in federal prison for each count. "Even after being warned, Mr. Anten double-downed on his threats to murder FBI employees," said Krysti Hawkins, acting assistant director in charge of the FBI Field Office in L.A. "The FBI will not tolerate credible death threats to individuals or institutions and, as evidenced during the trial, neither did the jury."

Canada Court Upholds Conviction and Life Sentence in Via Rail Terror Plot Case

[CBC](#) (06/05, Loriggio) reported that Ontario's highest court upheld the conviction and life sentence of Raed Jaser, one of the men convicted in the plot to derail a passenger train between Canada and the U.S. According to the article, Jaser's appeal argued that the trial judge's refusal to separate his case from co-accused Chiheb Esseghaier's compromised the trial's fairness, but the Court of Appeal found the joint trial decision reasonable. The article noted that Jaser also claimed the trial was influenced by an undercover FBI agent's involvement, but the court rejected this, noting the terrorist plot was already planned. The court confirmed that the trial was fair and dismissed Jaser's appeal. The article explained that this is the second time the Appeal Court has weighed in on Jaser and Esseghaier's case. They were found guilty in 2015 on a total of eight terror-related charges between them.

Opinion: Russian Migrant Terrorist Case Clearly Shows the Danger of Open Borders

An opinion piece from the [New York Post](#) (06/05, Bensman) reported that Russian national Murat Kurashev, who entered the U.S. illegally via the Southwest Border, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for financing terrorism. According to the article, Kurashev, from the terrorism-prone Kabardino-Balkaria region, sent \$13,000 to the al-Qaeda-affiliated group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, which used the funds to buy combat equipment. "The FBI assesses that, had he not been arrested, he may have become an operational participant in terrorist activities," the investigating FBI agent told the Sacramento court at one point. "Kurashev's behavior firmly places him on the continuum for mobilizing to violence." The article noted that Director Wray, and a variety of former homeland security officials have warned that these circumstances have exposed America to an unprecedented risk of Islamic terrorist infiltration and attack. The author assessed that Kurashev's case exemplifies the dangers of open borders and raises concerns about other potential terrorists entering the U.S. undetected.

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US, 'Five Eyes' Allies Warn China Recruiting Western Military Trainers

[Reuters](#) (06/05, Landay, Martina) reported that the U.S. and its "Five Eyes" allies issued a warning about China recruiting current and former Western military pilots to train the Chinese military, which could reduce Western deterrence capabilities. According to the article, the intelligence services of the U.S., UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand highlighted concerns over Chinese espionage, cyber hacking, and intellectual property theft, with the PLA using private companies to hire Western personnel. The article noted that the Five Eyes agencies asked people to guard against such offers, which they said often entail promises of lucrative salaries or excessive flattery, and to report any attempts to the FBI or military investigators in their countries. The article referenced the case of former U.S. Marine pilot Daniel Duggan, who faces charges in the U.S. for training Chinese military pilots. [NBC News](#) (06/05, Luce) added that in March, U.S. Army intelligence analyst Korbein Schultz was arrested and charged with conspiring to sell sensitive defense information to China. He has pleaded not guilty. And in August last year, two Navy sailors were arrested for allegedly relaying sensitive military information to China. Wenheng Zhao pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 27 months. Jinchao Wei has pleaded not guilty. "These arrests are a reminder of the relentless, aggressive efforts of the People's Republic of China to undermine our democracy and threaten those who defend it," assistant director of the FBI's Counterintelligence Division Suzanne Turner said at the time. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [VOA News](#) (06/05, Seldin), [CNN](#) (06/05, Lillis, Britzky),

[Bloomberg](#) (06/05, Capaccio), [Business Insider](#) (06/05, Epstein), [Time](#) (06/05, Bennett), and [The Epoch Times](#) (06/05, Morgan).

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Hunter Biden's Ex-Wife, Ex-Girlfriend Testify About Drug Use in Gun Trial

The [Associated Press](#) (06/05, Lauer, Chase, Long, Kunzelman) reported that Hunter Biden's ex-wife and a former girlfriend testified Wednesday in his gun trial about finding his crack pipes and other drug paraphernalia, and jurors saw photos of the president's son bare-chested in a bubble bath and heard about his visit to a strip club. The article added that as the first lady sat in the front row, the courtroom grew quiet when Kathleen Buhle, who was married to Hunter for 20 years, walked in. She testified that she discovered her husband was using drugs when she found a crack pipe in an ashtray on their porch on July 3, 2015, a day after their anniversary. When she confronted him, "he acknowledged smoking crack," she said. The trial, about whether he lied on a gun purchase form in 2018 when he said he wasn't using drugs, has quickly become a highly personal and detailed tour of the mistakes and drug use of Hunter Biden, whose struggles have been tabloid fodder for years and were used publicly by Republicans, including in their stalled impeachment effort against the president. [CBS News](#) (06/05, Yilek, Hymes, Brown, MacFarlane, Spady) reported that also on the stand on Wednesday was Gordon Cleveland, who sold Hunter Biden the firearm. Cleveland testified that Hunter Biden did not seem confused by the form, although defense attorney Abbe Lowell pressed him on the condition of the form at the center of the case, and the rules required for any changes made after submission. Lowell sought earlier Wednesday to cast doubt on the authenticity of personal messages allegedly from Hunter Biden's personal devices. Under questioning from Lowell, FBI Special Agent Erika Jensen said she could not verify the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop admitted into evidence were not tampered with before law enforcement collected it from the Mac repair shop. The [New York Times](#) (06/05, Draper), [New York Post](#) (06/05, King, et al.), [Reuters](#) (06/05, Queen, Hals), [NPR](#) (06/05, Lucas), [USA TODAY](#) (06/05, Wire, et al.), [Axios](#) (06/05, Thompson), the [Hill](#) (06/05, Suter), [Newsweek](#) (06/05, Holliday, Keller), [NEWSNATION](#) (06/05, Khalil, et al.), [Fox News](#) (06/05, Hagstrom, et al.), [CNN](#) (06/05, Lybrand, Cohen), [Washington Post](#) (06/05, Viser, et al.), [NBC News](#) (06/05, Doyle), and [BBC](#) (06/05, Yousif, Debusmann) also reported on the story.

Judge Reshuffles Hearings in Trump Documents Case

The [New York Times](#) (06/05, Feuer) reported that the federal judge overseeing former President Donald J. Trump's classified documents case abruptly changed the proceeding's schedule on Wednesday, reshuffling the timing for hearings on an array of important legal issues. According to the article, the move by the judge, Aileen M. Cannon, was unlikely to have much impact on the overall trajectory of the case, but it reflected the substantial number of unresolved legal motions she is juggling. Last month, Judge Cannon scrapped the case's trial date, saying she could not yet pick a new one because of what she described at the time as "the myriad and interconnected" questions she had still not managed to consider. The article added that Judge Cannon kept in place a hearing she had set for June 21 to discuss a motion by Trump's lawyers to dismiss the indictment on the grounds that Jack Smith, the special counsel named to oversee the prosecutions of Trump, was illegally appointed to his job. The article stated that Judge Cannon also told the defense and the prosecution to be ready to debate Trump's motion to exclude from the case any evidence — including more than 100 classified documents — that the FBI discovered in August 2022 when agents searched Mar-a-Lago, Trump's private club, and residence in Florida. The article mentioned that the parties are expected to discuss Smith's request to Judge Cannon to alter Trump's conditions of release by barring him from making public statements that could endanger FBI agents working on the case.

Detroit Nonprofit CFO Accused of Stealing \$40 Million

The [New York Times](#) (06/05, Fahrenthold) reported that the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, a nonprofit intended to beautify the city's once-industrial waterfront, had more than \$100 million in assets, and tens of millions more flowing in annually from government and private donors. One man had near total control of the group's money, according to federal charging documents released Tuesday: its chief financial officer, William A. Smith. According to the article, Smith's grip on the nonprofit's finances was so tight that even the nonprofit's accountant, charged with tracking spending, could not log into one of the group's bank accounts. Only Smith had the password. He gave her the bank statements on paper and met her only four times a year, in the parking lot of a Honey Baked Ham store 40 miles from the office. On Wednesday, federal prosecutors said Smith abused his power to pull off an astonishing fraud: He stole nearly \$40 million between 2012 and this March, they said, equal to 39 percent of all the money

that the group had reported spending in that time, burning through the group's cash reserves. Smith, 51, was charged with bank fraud and wire fraud, both felonies that can come with as much as 30 years of prison time. The article noted that the group has successfully redeveloped a long stretch of the city's Detroit River waterfront and, until recently, had shown no public signs of distress. Local foundations contributed to it annually and it received grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, among others. In 2013, Smith was named a finalist for "C.F.O. of the year" by a local business magazine. But the nonprofit discovered problems with its finances this spring and invited Michigan State Police to investigate. The police then handed the case to the FBI. [USA TODAY](#) (06/05, MacDonald, Ikononova), [Axios](#) (06/05, Guillen), [Bloomberg](#) (06/05, Heisig), and [CBS News](#) (06/05, Powers) also reported on the story.

Continued Reporting: Deliberations Continue in Feeding Our Future Fraud Trial Roiled by Bag of Cash for a Juror in Minneapolis

The [Associated Press](#) (06/05, Karnowski, Goldberg) reported that a jury ended a second day of deliberations Wednesday without reaching a verdict in the trial of seven Minnesotans accused in a scheme to steal more than \$40 million from a program meant to feed children during the coronavirus pandemic, while FBI agents try to establish who left a bag with \$120,000 in cash for a juror. Federal authorities confiscated the defendants' cellphones to search for clues and took all seven into custody on Monday before deliberations began. The trial judge also sequestered the jury after dismissing the juror who turned over the gift bag, along with another juror who reported hearing about the bribe attempt. The article added that FBI agents searched the home of one of the defendants Wednesday, according to a neighbor who witnessed the search. The home searched is identified in court records as the home of Abdiaziz Shafii Farah, who prosecutors have described as a ringleader of the seven. According to the article, Minneapolis FBI spokesperson Diana Freedman said in emails to the AP that "The FBI was present in Savage, MN conducting court authorized law enforcement activity," but that "I cannot provide or confirm any additional information." [KARE \(NBC-11\)](#) (06/05, Raguse), and [KMSP \(Fox-9\)](#) (06/05, Staff Writer) also reported on the story.

Continued Reporting: FBI Agent Testifies at Menendez Trial About Texts That Allegedly Show How Senator's Wife Got a Mercedes

[CNN](#) (06/05, Souza) reported that Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez's federal corruption trial continued Wednesday with an FBI special agent reading text messages from a New Jersey businessman who is alleged to have made payments on a Mercedes-Benz convertible for the senator's wife. The article added that FBI Special Agent Rachel Graves combed through countless text messages and documents from 2018 and 2019 detailing Jose Uribe's involvement in the bribery scheme. Uribe was indicted alongside Menendez but struck a plea deal with federal prosecutors earlier this year. Under the terms of the deal, he pleaded guilty to seven counts and agreed to testify in the government's case. According to the article, prosecutor Paul Michael Monteleoni spent Wednesday morning in federal court in New York unraveling the complex web of communication that allegedly led to Nadine Menendez's ownership of a Mercedes-Benz C300 convertible car. Prosecutors allege that Uribe made payments for the car in exchange for the senator's help in influencing New Jersey state criminal prosecutions of two Uribe associates. One of them, Elvis Parra, was charged with insurance fraud in New Jersey. The [New York Times](#) (06/05, Tully, Weiser) also reported on the story.

Arrests Made, Guns and Drugs Seized During Operation Trigger Lock in Florida

[CBS News](#) (06/05, MacLauchlan, Murray) reported that more than 100 arrests were made in Operation Trigger Lock, spearheaded by the Broward Sheriff's Office, after an uptick in shootings, drug deals, and murders in Pompano Beach. The sheriff's office partnered with the Broward State Attorney's Office, ATF Fort Lauderdale Office, DEA Miami Field Division, FBI Miami, and several police departments, including Davie, Fort Lauderdale, and Hollywood, for the operation that targeted "violent offenders" and gang members involved in shootings. The article added that the operation ran from April 16 to May 31. As a result of the six-week sweep, investigators conducted 14 residential search warrants, made 132 arrests, and recovered 38 firearms and drugs including cocaine, fentanyl, alpha PVP, oxycodone, and heroin.

FBI Portland Division Warns of Rise in Scammers Impersonating Agents, Others in Government to Get Cash, Gold

[KTVZ \(NBC-21\)](#) (06/05, Staff Writer) reported that the FBI's Portland Division warned Wednesday that it's seen an increase in reports of scammers falsely representing themselves as FBI agents or a representative of another government agency, and sending couriers to pick up cash or gold payments. The article quoted the FBI, which

said, "Be advised, federal agencies do not call or email individuals threatening arrest or demanding money, scammers often spoof caller ID information, and these phone calls are fraudulent even if they appear to be coming from an agency's legitimate phone number. Recipients should hang up immediately and report the call." [KPTV \(Fox-12\)](#) (06/05, Staff Writer) also reported on the story.

FBI Raids Atlanta Corporate Landlord in Probe of Rental Market Price Fixing

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (06/05, Reynolds) reported that the federal government's antitrust investigation into price fixing in the rental market appears to have found a fulcrum in Atlanta after a surprise FBI raid of multifamily property developer Cortland Management. The May 22 search comes as the Biden administration's DOJ has reportedly deepened its price-fixing probe into Texas-based tech company RealPage over its rental pricing software and whether it colluded with landlords to raise rents. The article added that in a statement to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Cortland Management said that the FBI had executed a limited search warrant at the company's Atlanta office as part of the DOJ's investigation "into potential antitrust violations in the multifamily housing industry."

Continued Reporting: What Will Become of the Epoch Times With Its Chief Financial Officer Accused of Money Laundering?

The [Associated Press](#) (06/05, Bauder) reported that the arrest of an executive at The Epoch Times in a money-laundering scheme this week has drawn attention to a media outlet that has lived largely in the shadows since its founding in 2000 and a transformation during the Trump administration. Federal prosecutors in New York charged Weidong "Bill" Guan of Secaucus, N.J., the chief financial officer of The Epoch Times, of steering at least \$67 million in criminal proceeds, much from fraudulently obtained unemployment insurance benefits, to the company, its affiliates and himself. Guan pleaded not guilty but was suspended by The Epoch Times, which agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. The article noted that the case calls into question the future of a company that was a key online supporter of Trump and spreader of conspiracy theories.

Over 850 Murders Linked to Long-Haul Truckers

[NEWSNATION](#) (06/05, Menezes) reported that at least 850 murders across the United States over the past few decades are believed to be connected to long-haul truck drivers, according to the FBI's "Highway Serial Killings Initiative." According to the article, Frank Figliuzzi, a former FBI assistant director for counterintelligence, said Wednesday on NewsNation's "Elizabeth Vargas Reports" that truckers who spend most of their time on the road are often the suspects. The FBI initiative helps link murders that initially seem unrelated but follow a pattern of female victims, many involved in prostitution or sex trafficking, being picked up at truck stops, sexually assaulted, and then killed, with their bodies dumped in different locations. The article noted that the FBI contends that while most truck drivers are hardworking Americans, the inherent isolation and transient nature of the job could draw serial killers or potentially create them.

Another Victim From Suspected Serial Killer's Indiana Farm ID'd as Man Who Went Missing in 1993

[USA TODAY](#) (06/05, Martin) reported that authorities have identified the remains of a man found on a suspected serial killer's Indiana farm nearly 30 years ago. The remains were among more than 10,000 found in 1996, authorities say. Some of the remains were identified as those of Jeffrey A. Jones, who last lived in Fillmore, Indiana, and was reported missing in August 1993, the Hamilton County Coroner's Office announced on Facebook on May 21. The article added that Jones is the third person to be identified from the office's "renewed" investigation into the remains found on Fox Hollow Farm, located in Westfield, about 30 miles north of Indianapolis. The farm was once home to suspected serial killer Herb Baumeister, the coroner's office said. The first two victims identified in the renewed probe were 27-year-old Allen Livingston and 34-year-old Manuel Resendez. The most recently-identified remains belonging to Jones were found in 1996. The article noted that the coroner's office and the FBI conducted an "extensive forensic genetic genealogy investigation" to identify the remains, the release said. The office still has four more DNA profiles to identify, bringing the total number of victims to 12, the coroner's office said. Those four DNA profiles will also be sent to the FBI for a genetic genealogy investigation.

Continued Reporting: Federal Officials Make Arrest in Alleged NBA Betting Scheme Involving Jontay Porter

[USA TODAY](#) (06/05, Gardner) reported that a Brooklyn man authorities say assisted former Toronto Raptors guard Jontay Porter in an illegal sports betting scheme has been arrested and detained pending trial. Long Phi Pham, 38, also known as "Bruce," was apprehended at John F. Kennedy airport on Monday holding a one-way

ticket to Australia, according to a criminal complaint filed in Brooklyn federal court. The article added that Pham is accused of working with Porter and three other suspects who remain at large to defraud sports betting sites by placing bets on Porter's performance. Federal authorities say Porter had racked up large gambling debts to the co-conspirators and was encouraged to underperform in certain games so that their "prop bets" on his performance would cash. A DOJ [press release](#) noted that the FBI investigated the case.

FBI Warns of Rise in Work-From-Home Scams

[Info Security Magazine](#) (06/05, Mascellino) reported that the FBI issued a public service announcement on Tuesday cautioning individuals about a surge in fraudulent work-from-home schemes. These scams, masquerading as legitimate job opportunities, lure victims with promises of easy tasks like rating restaurants or performing so-called "optimization" duties. The article added that according to the advisory, scammers typically impersonate reputable businesses or recruiting agencies, reaching out to potential victims via unsolicited calls or messages. One key tactic these scammers employ is a convoluted payment structure, often requiring victims to make cryptocurrency payments to purported employers to access additional earnings or unlock their supposed work. Despite indications of accumulating income on a fake interface, victims find themselves unable to withdraw any funds. The article noted that to safeguard against such schemes, the FBI advised individuals to exercise caution when encountering unsolicited job offers, refrain from sending money to unfamiliar entities and avoid divulging personal or financial information.

Sentencing Handed down After FBI Tip Leads to Arrest in Indiana Child Porn Case

[WFIE \(NBC-14\)](#) (06/05, Lyman) reported that 41-year old Kazuhiro Iwamoto has been sentenced after pleading guilty to 10 counts of possession of child pornography. Police say they were notified after an online tip was sent to the FBI's Threat Operation Center. According to officers, they found sexually explicit material involving minors on a USB storage device.

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CYBER DIVISION

AI Fuels Rise in Attacks From 'Unsophisticated Threat Actors,' Federal Cyber Leaders Say

[FEDSCOOP](#) (06/05, Bracken) reported that at a GDIT event in Washington on Tuesday, federal cyber officials spoke of the proliferation of AI-fueled cyberattacks and how much more critical coordination and information-sharing has become as the use of the technology among amateur hackers has surged. The article noted that Cynthia Kaiser, Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI's Cyber Division, said she's seen "a crop of adversaries who are becoming at least mildly better" at their craft due to AI. The technology eases hackers' ability to perform basic scripting tasks and identify coding errors, Kaiser said, while deepfakes are leveraged in social engineering campaigns and increasingly refined spearphishing messages. The article quoted Kaiser, who said, "A beginner hacker can go to the intermediate level, and even the most sophisticated adversaries can be more efficient." An additional [FEDSCCOP](#) (06/05, Alder) article and [Meritalk](#) (06/05, Burgan) also reported on the GDIT conference.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Four Arrested for Allegedly Attempting to Sabotage Interpol Criminal Search System

The [Record](#) (06/05, Antoniuk) reported that international law enforcement has uncovered a criminal organization operating in Moldova suspected of attempting to sabotage a system that helps Interpol members locate and arrest wanted criminals worldwide. The article added that Moldovan authorities, with help from French prosecutors and the FBI, said they conducted over 30 searches on Monday and detained four suspects linked to Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine. The suspects allegedly attempted to misuse the Red Notice system, the international police agency's tool for alerting its 195 member countries about individuals who are wanted for prosecution or to serve a sentence based on an arrest warrant or court decision. The article stated that the suspected criminals "paid intermediaries and public figures in Moldova to inform wanted criminals of their Red Notice status," said Moldova's anticorruption chief Veronica Dragalin. Interpol also detected attempts to "block and delete" the notices. The detained individuals are also suspected of committing cybercrimes that caused millions of dollars in damages. Moldova's branch of Radio Free Europe reported that the alleged sums paid by the perpetrators of this scheme amount to several

million dollars. The U.K. National Crime Agency (NCA) also said that it uncovered the identities of key individuals in Moldova who received bribes from members of the criminal network. [CBS News](#) (06/05, Staff Writer) also reported on the story.

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CAPITOL VIOLENCE NEWS

Retired NASCAR Driver and Son Arrested for Alleged Assaults on Police During Jan. 6 Riot

[ABC News](#) (06/05, Mallin) reported that retired NASCAR driver Tighe Scott and his son Jarret Scott were arrested and charged for allegedly assaulting police during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Charging documents indicated that the FBI confirmed Tighe Scott's identity with the help of a witness who recognized him as a retired NASCAR driver. The article noted that both Scotts, along with two other Pennsylvania men, are accused of using objects like flagpoles and golf clubs to assault law enforcement, with video footage showing them confronting police and engaging in aggressive behavior during the riot. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [The Daily Beast](#) (06/05, McDougall), [The Hill](#) (06/05, Sforza), [Law & Crime](#) (06/05, Kandel), [UPI](#) (06/05, Benson), and [New York Daily News](#) (06/05, Wilkinson).

FBI Reinstates Security Clearance for Former Employee Who Raised Questions About Jan. 6 Attack

[CNN](#) (06/05, McDougall) reported that former FBI employee Marcus Allen, who raised questions about the January 6 Capitol attack, had his security clearance reinstated and was awarded 27 months of back pay after being suspended since February 2022. According to the article, the FBI had initially suspended Allen over concerns about his "allegiance to the United States" and his judgment regarding the events of January 6. After a congressional hearing and subsequent investigation, the FBI reinstated Allen's security clearance, leading to his resignation and his lawyer declaring the outcome a vindication. "While we can't comment on the specifics of any settlement, both parties agreed to resolve this matter without either admitting wrongdoing. Any allegation that the Director lied to Congress is false. The FBI takes seriously its responsibility to FBI employees who make protected disclosures under whistleblower regulations, and we are committed to ensuring they are protected from retaliation," the FBI said. [Newsmax](#) (06/05, Morley III) also reported on the story.

Jan. 6 Rioter Caught in a Woman's Bumble Dating App Sting Sentenced to Prison

[NBC News](#) (06/05, Reilly) reported that Andrew Taake, a Jan. 6 rioter who attacked law enforcement officers with bear spray and a metal whip, was sentenced to over six years in prison. According to the article, Taake was identified and arrested through a sting operation on the dating app Bumble, where he disclosed his participation in the Capitol attack. The article explained that an FBI affidavit mentioned that a woman, referred to as "Witness 1," used the app to gather information from Taake and other rioters, which she then provided to the FBI. Judge Carl Nichols emphasized the seriousness of Taake's actions, noting the extreme pain experienced by an officer who was temporarily blinded by bear spray and highlighting the need to deter similar conduct in the future. [KHOU \(CBS-11\)](#) (06/05, Villarreal) also reported on the story.

Three Washington D.C. Cousins Arrested After FBI Investigation Into Jan. 6 Riot

[WPMT \(FOX-43\)](#) (06/05, Keely) reported that three cousins from York County were arrested on May 30 for their alleged involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot following an FBI investigation. According to the article, Tyler Henson, Stephen Oseen, and Jamie Charlesworth were charged with entering or remaining in a restricted building, disorderly conduct, and picketing in a Capitol Building, based on surveillance footage and a tip about a video on Henson's Facebook page. The article noted that former Federal Judge John E. Jones described the ongoing investigation as typical of the FBI's thorough approach, utilizing enhanced videos and cooperation from other protestors. The three men were released on supervision and are scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

Democrats Blocked Trump's Agent From Refuting Tale About Jan. 6 Limo Battle, Report Says

The [Washington Times](#) (06/05, Staff Writer) reported that Democrats allegedly blocked former President Donald Trump's Secret Service driver from quickly refuting claims made by White House staffer Cassidy Hutchinson about a struggle in the presidential limousine during the January 6 Capitol riot. According to Rep. Barry Loudermilk, the Democrat-led Jan. 6 committee delayed the driver's testimony for months, only bringing him in to testify in November 2022. The article noted that the Secret Service driver eventually testified that Trump never tried to grab

the wheel of the SUV, contradicting Hutchinson's account, but his testimony was not solicited until just before the November election, despite earlier offers to testify.

Inside the Supreme Court Decision That Could Lop Years Off Sentences For Capitol Rioters

[Newsweek](#) (06/05, Bond) reported that the U.S. Supreme Court is set to decide on *Fischer v. United States*, a case that could significantly impact the sentences of roughly 350 people charged with obstruction during the January 6, 2021, Capitol riot. The case centers around the use of Section 1512(c)(2), a statute originally enacted to address evidence tampering and witness intimidation in the aftermath of the Enron scandal. According to the article, the statute's broad language makes it a crime to "obstruct, influence, or impede any official proceeding," which has been applied to many Capitol rioters. Joseph Fischer, a Pennsylvania police officer, was charged under this statute after entering the Capitol during the riot. His attorney argued that the statute was not intended to cover actions like those on January 6. The article explained that during oral arguments, Justice Neil Gorsuch questioned whether the statute's application could be too broad, potentially criminalizing actions such as heckling in court or pulling a fire alarm before a congressional vote.

'Racial Resentment' a Factor in Violence of 6 January 2021, Study Says

[The Guardian](#) (06/05, Herman) reported that a study found "racial resentment," rather than just partisanship, contributed to the violence of the January 6, 2021 Capitol riot. The study, conducted by David Wilson and Darren Davis, revealed that many of Trump's supporters believed they were victimized by election fraud and disadvantaged by African Americans and other minorities. The research showed a correlation between feelings of racial resentment and opposition to the House select committee investigating January 6, highlighting that white voters, including those affiliated with white-nationalist groups, were particularly influenced by claims of election rigging in heavily Black cities.

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OTHER FBI NEWS

FBI Reveals the 95 ITSSS-2 Winners

[Washington Technology](#) (06/05, Wakeman) reported that the FBI has finally released the full roster of 95 companies that won spots on its potential eight-year, \$7 billion ITSSS-2 blanket purchase agreement. The agency split awards between 31 full-and-open winners and 64 small businesses. ITSSS-2 will be the FBI's main vehicle to purchase a wide range of IT products and services, standardize how it buys them, and forecast the purchases. The BPA has one initial base year and up to seven individual option years. The article added that the FBI will move to kick off a series of information sessions for the group of primes and the agency's users of the contract.

House Appropriators Reject GSA's \$3.5B Plan for New FBI Headquarters

[Federal News Network](#) (06/05, Doubleday) reported that House appropriators are pushing back on the General Services Administration's plan to invest billions in a new FBI headquarters in suburban Maryland. The GOP-led House Appropriations Committee's fiscal 2025 general government spending bill rejects a \$3.5 billion proposal from the General Services Administration to finance a new FBI headquarters building in Greenbelt, Maryland. The article added that the spending bill passed out of the general government and financial services subcommittee along party lines on Wednesday morning. It's now slated to be considered by the full committee. Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) reportedly urged House Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) to prohibit taxpayer funding for any new FBI headquarters facility. The article stated that the Biden administration nominally ended a decade-long disagreement over the future of the FBI headquarters when GSA announced the new Greenbelt site last November. GSA selected a Maryland site over competing sites in Virginia.

Republicans Target FBI, Trump Prosecutors Post-Verdict

The [Hill](#) (06/05, Folley, Beitsch) reported that Republicans are ramping up their efforts to attack the FBI and prosecutors such as Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg (D) and Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis (D) in the wake of former President Trump's conviction in the hush money case. The article added that GOP lawmakers are calling for cutting funding for the DOJ and the FBI, even though relatively few federal dollars go to the local offices run by Willis and Bragg. The article stated that they're also seeking to hold Attorney General Merrick Garland in contempt of Congress, though they appear to lack the votes to do so. According to the article, it's all part of a broader attack on a justice system the GOP blames for the guilty verdict by a New York jury against Trump

and his other legal cases, which may not be decided until after the election. The article mentioned that House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-OH) called for cutting back funds for a new FBI headquarters and recommended tying spending for the agency to policy changes aimed at promoting “transparency,” like requiring the FBI to record interviews. He also pushed for “defunding” what Republicans say are politicized prosecutions from prosecutors engaged in “lawfare.” Jordan said this included Willis, Bragg, and New York Attorney General Letitia James, as well as federal special counsel Jack Smith’s office. While the FBI receives significant federal funding, prosecutors such as Bragg and Willis, whose offices are primarily run through state and local funds, do not. The [Associated Press](#) (06/05, Mascaro, Jalonick), and the [New York Times](#) (06/05, Feuer) also reported on the story.

Chicago Police Claim Mass Arresting DNC Protesters Are ‘Last Resort.’

The [Huffington Post](#) (06/05, Karanth) reported that Chicago is preparing to again host the Democratic National Convention in August, with police claiming that officers are trained and ready to de-escalate possible civil unrest amid anticipated protests. The article added that law enforcement has long been planning for how to enforce security at the DNC, which is expected to bring tens of thousands of visitors and massive protests. Police Superintendent Larry Snelling, a veteran Chicago cop who was confirmed last year as chief, said Tuesday that officers are prepared to handle anticipated protesters and possible mass arrests. The article noted that Snelling said at a press conference alongside Secret Service and FBI officials, “Make no mistake, we are ready.” The article stated that the proposed changes for how police handle mass arrests are yet to be finalized, but so far include more supervisor review onsite as well as debriefings after the event to discuss which actions were effective. Officers have also undergone new de-escalation training, with some also receiving specialized training to “respond directly to civil unrest and the possibility of riots,” according to Snelling.

‘The Man Who Conned the Pentagon’ Can’t Pursue Lawsuit Against FBI for Raiding Home, Ninth Circuit Rules

[Courthouse News Service](#) (06/05, Ribakoff) reported that a Ninth Circuit panel agreed with a lower court’s ruling that a Nevadan dubbed “the man who conned the Pentagon” by Playboy magazine in 2010 and his wife can’t pursue a lawsuit against an FBI agent that participated in a raid on their home and storage units because they missed the statute of limitations. The article added that in the mid-2000’s Dennis Montgomery, a former confidential informant to Arizona’s Maricopa County Sheriff’s office turned computer programmer who contracted with the CIA, Air Force and White House, was accused by his co-workers of stealing source code and hardware, including “nine ‘secret’ hard drives” that they alleged had classified national defense information of Predator drone footage used by the company Montgomery co-founded, called eTreppid, to develop software for use in the war on terror. According to the article, the FBI then started to investigate Montgomery based on the claims he had classified documents. In 2006 the FBI, IRS, and Drug Enforcement Administration raided his home in Reno, where, according to a lawsuit filed with his wife Brenda in federal court in 2021, claimed federal law enforcement lied to and threatened his kids, and that the raid was based on a false affidavit that violated his constitutional rights. Montgomery’s suit was brought against both specifically one of the FBI agents involved in the raid, and other federal law enforcement agents. Dennis Montgomery was given the moniker “the man who conned the Pentagon” by Playboy because of his involvement in schemes to convince the George W. Bush administration and the national security apparatus to take action to prevent elaborate conspiracy theories.

FBI Holds Shooter Response Training in Massachusetts

The [Provincetown Independent](#) (06/05, Benson) reported that almost 160 people, including many of Provincetown’s nightclub owners, bar managers, and hotel and restaurant staff, came to town hall on June 3 for an unusual kind of civic meeting: an “Active Shooter Attack Prevention and Preparedness” training session given by FBI agents from offices in New York City, Boston, and Lakeville. The article added that the session was organized in the wake of a May 10 alert from the FBI and Dept. of Homeland Security on a “heightened threat environment” from “foreign terrorist organizations and their supporters” against LGBTQ gatherings and venues, especially during Pride celebrations in June. According to the article, Special Agent Michael Grecco Jr., came from the FBI’s New York field office to deliver the attack prevention training. He also walked through 10 Provincetown venues on June 3 and 4 to help them assess their safety plans. The article quoted Grecco, who said, “We talked about their security plans, their exits, their medical response plans, we don’t tell people what to do, but we do have a conversation about best practices.”

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Israel Strikes U.N. School and Shelter in Gaza, Says Hamas Was Operating There

[Wall Street Journal](#), [New York Times](#), [Reuters](#), [CBS News](#)

U.N. Atomic Agency Censures Iran Over Nuclear Actions Despite Retaliation Threat

[Wall Street Journal](#), [New York Times](#), [Politico](#), [BBC](#)

Gunman Attacks U.S. Embassy in Lebanon

[Wall Street Journal](#), [NBC News](#), [Associated Press](#), [CBS News](#)

A Russian American Is Sentenced in Russia Over Social Media Posts

[New York Times](#), [Associated Press](#), [New York Daily News](#), [NBC News](#)

Slovak Prime Minister Speaks Publicly for First Time Since Assassination Attempt

[New York Times](#), [CBS News](#), [Associated Press](#), [NPR](#)

Israel Secretly Targets U.S. Lawmakers With Influence Campaign on Gaza War

[New York Times](#), [Forbes](#), [The Verge](#)

Israeli Nationalists, Marching in Jerusalem, Balk at U.S. Cease-Fire Push

[Wall Street Journal](#), [New York Times](#)

Putin's Existential Problem: Not Enough Russians

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A War on the Nile Pushes Sudan Toward the Abyss

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World Leaders, Veterans, Commemorate D-Day's 80th Anniversary in Normandy

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Speaker Johnson Appoints Two Trump Allies to a Committee That Handles Classified Intelligence

[Associated Press](#), [Raw Story](#), [The Hill](#), [Washington Post](#), [NBC News](#)

Pro-Palestinian Protesters Arrested at Stanford After Takeover of President's Office

[Associated Press](#), [CNN](#), [Reuters](#), [New York Times](#), [Wall Street Journal](#)

Democratic Contraception Access Bill Fails in U.S. Senate

[Reuters](#), [New York Times](#), [Politico](#), [ABC News](#), [Fox News](#)

NYPD Moves to Revoke Trump's License to Carry a Gun

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Republicans Vindicated by Reports About Biden's Fitness for Office

[Washington Examiner](#)

Small Shift Toward Biden After Trump Verdict

[New York Times](#)

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul Abruptly Halts Manhattan Congestion Pricing

[Wall Street Journal](#)

House Republicans Consider Another Angle to Take on Attorney General Garland

[Fox News](#)

Bankruptcy Judge Spares Alex Jones' Media Empire for Now as Sandy Hook Families Pursue Liquidation

Psychiatrist Henry Jarecki Says Relationship With Epstein Accuser Was Consensual

[Wall Street Journal](#)

At Least One Person Seriously Injured, Structures Damaged After Tornadoes and Storms Sweep Through Maryland

[CNN](#)

Alito's Account of the Upside-Down Flag Doesn't Fully Add Up. Here's Why.

[Washington Post](#)

U.S. May Revive Some Shut Nuclear Plants to Help Meet Emissions Goal, Energy Chief Says

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- Israel Secretly Targets U.S. Lawmakers With Influence Campaign on Gaza War
- Migrants Shift West, and San Diego Bears Brunt
- Allies Warn China Is Recruiting Western Pilots

Wall Street Journal

- World's Nuclear Watchdog Censures Tehran
- NBA Nears \$76 Billion TV Deal In Defining Moment for Media
- Americans Have More Investment Income Than Ever
- Biden Meetings Fuel Age Concerns
- France Unearths Trauma of D-Day Bombing
- Even Hardened Convicts Are No Match for These Guard Geese
- This Airline Status Is So Elite You Wonder How You Got It Elite Fliers Don't Know How They Landed invitations

Washington Post

- For Migrants, There's 'No One Else'
- Boeing Craft at Last Carries NASA Crew Into Orbit
- Twelve Months of Record Warmth
- Hunter Biden Trial Stirs Drama in Family
- Now a Felon, Trump Rides Energy From Fired-up Base
- 2 Trends Stir Alarm: Ghost Guns, Kids Finding Them

ABC News

- Hunter Biden's Ex-Girlfriend Says He Smoked Crack Weeks Before Gun Purchase; Biden Lands in France for D-Day Anniversary, Democracy Speech; Italian Court Re-Convicted Amanda Knox of Slander.

CBS News

- Hunter Biden's Ex-wife Testifies in His Gun Trial; 11-Year-Old Missouri Boy Helps Erase Meal Debt at His School.

NBC News

- Boeing's Starliner Lifts off on Its First Crewed Mission, Taking Two Astronauts to the ISS, a Dangerous Heatwave Is Threatening Millions From California to Texas, Hunter Biden's Ex-wife Testified in His Federal

Gun Trial.

Fox News

- Hunter Biden's Former Wife Testifies About His Drug Use; All-Star Panel Looks Back at Biden's Claim Hunter's Laptop Was Russian Disinfo; President Biden Faces Criticism After Report Says Lawmakers See He Is Declining Mentally.

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WASHINGTON SCHEDULE

White House

President Biden

- 1:00 AM: The President receives the President's Daily Brief
- 2:15 AM: The President and The First Lady depart Paris, France en route to Normandy, France
- 3:25 AM: The President and The First Lady arrive to Normandy, France
- 3:35 AM: The President and The First Lady depart Caen Carpiquet Airport en route to Normandy American Cemetery Landing Zone
- 3:50 AM: The President and The First Lady arrive at Normandy American Cemetery Landing Zone
- 5:15 AM: The President and The First Lady participate in a greet with veterans
- 6:30 AM: The President delivers remarks at the D-Day Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony
- 8:00 AM: The President and The First Lady participate in a wreath laying
- 9:45 AM: The President and The First Lady depart Normandy American Cemetery en route to Omaha Beach
- 9:55 AM: The President and The First Lady arrive at Omaha Beach
- 10:00 AM: The President and The First Lady attend the D-Day Anniversary International Ceremony
- 11:20 AM: The President and The First Lady depart Omaha Beach en route to Normandy American Cemetery Landing Zone
- 11:30 AM: The President and The First Lady arrive at Normandy American Cemetery Landing Zone
- 11:40 AM: The President and The First Lady depart Normandy American Cemetery Landing Zone en route to Caen Carpiquet Airport
- 11:55 AM: The President and The First Lady arrive at Caen Carpiquet Airport
- 12:05 PM: The President and The First Lady depart Normandy, France en route to Paris, France
- 12:50 PM: The President and The First Lady arrives in Paris, France

Vice President Harris

- No events scheduled.

US Senate

- No events scheduled.

US House of Representatives

- No events scheduled.

Cabinet Members

- No events scheduled.

Visitors

- No events scheduled.

General Events

- The Brookings Institution: The Congressional Budget Act of 1974: The next 50 years – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: The Brookings Institution, 10:00 AM. Congress passed the Congressional Budget Act in 1974 to take back some of its power over federal spending from the White House. Among other things, the act created the House and Senate budget committees, the Congressional Budget Office, and the reconciliation process that has evolved into a key way to pass major legislation. The 50th anniversary of the act provides an opportunity not only to look back but also to look ahead. On June 6, 2024, the Hutchins Center on Fiscal & Monetary Policy and the Governance Studies program at Brookings will examine the challenges the nation is facing over the next 50 years and how well-equipped the congressional budget process is to deal with them. Philip Joyce, a professor of public policy at the University of Maryland, will summarize his paper on the lasting influential features of the act. Following that, a panel will discuss how to better equip Congress to confront major challenges of the next 50 years—things like financing investments (including in children), stabilizing the finances of Social Security and Medicare, measuring the benefits and costs of immigration, and combating climate change. Participants include Anna Aizer of Brown University, Doug Elmendorf of Harvard, and Sanjay Patnaik of Brookings, moderated by David Wessel. Then we'll turn to a panel on the challenges that political polarization and rising party conflict pose to the congressional budget process. Participating will be Sarah Binder and Molly Reynolds of Brookings and John Sides of Vanderbilt, moderated by Lisa Desjardins of PBS NewsHour.
- The Brookings Institution: 2024 Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Financial Stability – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: Department of the Treasury, 1:00 PM. The Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) in partnership with the Brookings Institution, will host a two-day conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Financial Stability. AI in financial services has grown rapidly. Innovations in AI can offer many benefits, such as reducing costs and improving efficiencies, but they can also introduce or exacerbate risks to the financial system. This conference will be an opportunity for the public and private sectors to convene to discuss potential systemic risks posed by AI in financial services, to explore the balance between encouraging innovation and mitigating risks, and to share insights on effective oversight of AI-related risks to financial stability. The first day of the conference will be held at the U.S. Department of the Treasury on June 6, 2024, and the second day of the conference will be held at the Brookings Institution on June 7, 2024. A live webcast of the conference will be available to the public.
- CSIS: MDA and the 2025 Budget – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: CSIS, 10:00 AM. Please join the CSIS Missile Defense Project for a conversation with Lt. Gen. Heath Collins, Director of the Missile Defense Agency. The discussion will explore the Agency's FY2025 programs, priorities, and budgets. The event will be moderated by Dr. Tom Karako.
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: Do We Need Planetary Institutions to Solve Problems? Insights from Children of a Modest Star – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 9:00 AM. Humanity has entered into a new relationship with the living Earth, but the sovereign state system has proven incapable of addressing shared planetary challenges from climate change to pandemic disease. In a groundbreaking new book rooted in history and earth science, scholars Jonathan Blake and Nils Gilman advocate a paradigm shift toward "multiscalar" global governance that would transfers significant

political authority from national governments to planetary institutions, as well as to localities. Join the Carnegie Endowment for a fascinating discussion of *Children of a Modest Star: Planetary Thinking for an Age of Crises*. We'll consider the cosmological significance and practical dilemmas posed by our planetary age and the desirability, and feasibility, of building new institutions to help sustain life on Earth. Stewart Patrick, senior fellow and director of Carnegie's Global Order and Institutions program, will moderate a discussion with authors Jonathan Blake, associate director at the Berggruen Institute, and Nils Gilman, chief operating officer, vice president for programs, and editor of the magazine *Noema* at the Berggruen Institute, as well as Olivia Lazard, a fellow at Carnegie Europe.

- [CAP: State Leadership To Conserve Nature](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: CAP, 1:00 PM. In the face of accelerating climate and biodiversity crises, state and territorial lawmakers, agencies, and governors across the country are stepping up to conserve remaining natural areas and ensure that access to nature's benefits can be shared by all. Join the Center for American Progress and the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) for keynote remarks by White House Council on Economic Quality Chair Brenda Mallory and a conversation with state leaders from California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Maryland to reflect on recent land conservation policy successes, share lessons learned, and explore opportunities to scale up state-level progress. To learn more about state and territorial conservation efforts, read CAP and the NCEL's new report, which maps out the many policy tools utilized by states and territories for land conservation—such as innovative conservation funding streams, outdoor equity funds, wildlife corridor designation, and Tribal land return—and highlights recent examples of state-level leadership from across the country.
- [AEI: Europe Goes to the Polls](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: AEI, 3:00 PM. Between June 6 and 9, the 400 million eligible voters in the European Union's 27 member states will choose their new representatives in the European Parliament. These representatives will have to navigate turbulent economic and security environments and sharp disagreements over environmental and migration policy. The Parliament, one of the EU's two legislative bodies, has long been dominated by continent-wide groups of the center-left and center-right. Recent polling has some wondering if far-right parties could disrupt this equilibrium, while the legacy political families are pondering how to respond to the changing electoral environment. Join AEI's Stan Veuger and a panel of experts for a conversation about the elections and their likely consequences for Europe and the transatlantic relationship.
- [Wilson Center: Mexico's Elections: Outcomes and Implications](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: Online Event, 11:00 AM. Ahead of the June presidential elections in Mexico, the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute organized a series of webinars covering critical issues concerning the electoral process to develop policy recommendations on the major challenges the incoming administration will face. Following the elections on June 2nd, we will provide analysis from top experts from civil society, academia, and the press from both sides of the border on what the results mean for the future of democracy in the country, and what to expect once the new president takes office.
- [Wilson Center: The High Seas Treaty: Latin American Leadership on Ocean Conservation](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: Online Event, 11:00 AM. Prior to the High-Level Event on Ocean Action: Immersed in Change, from June 7 to 8 in San José, Costa Rica, the Wilson Center's Latin America Program, in partnership with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA), will host a dialogue on Latin America's leadership in supporting ratification and implementation of the High Seas Treaty as an important means to protecting the oceans and achieving the 30x30 global conservation agenda. Latin America and the Caribbean could be a leader in the treaty's ratification and a trailblazer in creating marine protected areas in the high seas. The region is already a standout in marine protection in territorial waters, with several countries having met or exceeded the 30% target, including Chile, Costa Rica, and Panama. By quickly ratifying the High Seas Treaty and designating conservation areas beyond national jurisdiction, the region would bring the treaty to life, showcase its potentially transformational impacts, and attract greater international support for environmental protection in the Americas.
- [Wilson Center: After Václav Havel: From Theater to Social Activism in Eastern Europe and Russia](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: Wilson Center, 3:00 PM. New Drama (Новая драма), an artistic movement that uses theater to speak about social problems, first gained traction in Russia's regional centers in the early 1990s

before storming Moscow's theater scene. In this lecture, Title VIII Early Career Scholar Susanna Weygandt will discuss some of the findings from her forthcoming book, *From Metaphor to Direct Speech: Contemporary Russophone Drama and Performance Theory* (University of Wisconsin Press). She will also present an early version of her digital archive project which showcases activist Russian documentary drama within the broader context of theater for social change in Belarus and Ukraine.

- [The Hudson Institute: Strategic Corruption, State Capture, and Sanctions Enforcement in Europe](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: The Hudson Institute, 10:00 AM. Russia continues to export vast amounts of gas and oil to Europe while importing military goods and mission critical hardware to fuel its war against Ukraine. Some of Moscow's most notorious strategic corruption projects, NordStream and TurkStream, and their related state capture networks continue to operate despite more than a dozen rounds of sanctions imposed by the European Union and Group of Seven. Russia's "no-limits" partnership with China, Europe's lack of robust common sanctions enforcement, the patchwork of improperly integrated anti-money laundering and criminal prosecution frameworks, and governments and other stakeholders that continue to enable Russia by seeking gains from transactional diplomacy have all emboldened Moscow's strategic corruption efforts. This has negatively affected the EU and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's geopolitical and geoeconomic standing, particularly in frontier regions like the Black Sea and the Balkans. Much like it relies on the American defense sector, Europe still relies on the United States to implement effective economic security policies. The EU should accelerate the development of its common institutions for sanctions enforcement and other economic security measures, prioritizing decoupling from Russia's oil and gas networks. The US can aid this process by continuing to intervene more assertively in high-profile cases and by providing capacity-building support and cooperation. To discuss how to dismantle Russia's state capture networks in Europe, Hudson will host a panel with Kleptocracy Initiative Fellow Nate Sibley, Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) Program Director and Chief Economist Ruslan Stefanov, CSD Energy and Climate Program Director Martin Vladimirov, and Dragan Koprivica, executive director of the Center for Democratic Transition, Montenegro. Senior Fellow Matt Boyse and CSD Chairman Ognian Shentov will deliver opening remarks.
- [The Hudson Institute: IMT-2030: The Coming 6G Revolution](#) – Thursday, June 6, 2024. Location: Online Event, 10:00 AM. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies, is developing 6G specifications through the International Mobile Telecommunications 2030 (IMT-2030) program, aiming to release them by 2030. This program, introduced in the 6G framework document, outlines the vision, timelines, and candidate technologies for next generation telecommunications. IMT-2030 aims to connect humans, machines, and software to enable various applications and services. The framework promises immersive experiences for humans through advanced human-machine interfaces like extended reality (XR) displays, haptic sensors, and multisensory interfaces. Machines are expected to become intelligent, autonomous, and precise as they benefit from advancements in machine perception and interaction and artificial intelligence management. In this vision, advanced sensors and AI facilitate seamless interaction between humans and machines in the physical and digital worlds. IMT-2030 integrates sensing and AI capabilities into communication, serving as a fundamental infrastructure for emerging user and application trends. The program also supports diverse use cases, including direct voice communication. Moreover, IMT-2030 technology is anticipated to promote economic growth, societal change, digital equality, and ubiquitous connectivity while also enhancing security and resilience. In a Hudson event, Professor Kiran Kuchi of the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad will discuss technology trends, network evolution, AI-driven devices for 6G, and the integration and interoperability of terrestrial and non-terrestrial systems.

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