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Prosecutor ties case to Trump's tabloid pact

Alleges deal to kill stories led to crimes; defense counters it wasn't illegal

BY DEVLIN BARRETT, SHAYNA JACOBS, TOM JACKMAN AND HANNAH KNOWLES

NEW YORK — Donald Trump oversaw a “planned, coordinated, long-running conspiracy to influence the 2016 election,” which included hush money payments to an adult-film actress, prosecutors told a jury Monday in the opening salvo of the first criminal trial of a former U.S. president.

“It was election fraud, pure and simple.” Assistant District Attorney Matthew Colangelo told the jury inside a packed and heavily guarded courtroom, illustrating the sky-high stakes of a criminal trial in which the defendant is also the presumptive Republican nominee for president in the November election.

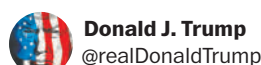
In the hallway outside the courtroom, Trump denounced the case, and other legal battles he is fighting, with his usual bluster and vitriol against a system that he claims is targeting him unfairly for political reasons.

“I should be in Georgia now, I should be in Florida now,” Trump said.

Colangelo spent about 40 minutes Monday morning describing the evidence that he said would show Trump broke the law. The prosecutor's delivery was calm

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Dozing off: Trump struggles to stay awake as trial begins. C1



Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

TRUTH SOCIAL IS MY VOICE, AND THE REAL VOICE OF AMERICA!!! MAGA2024!!!

March 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Analyzing Trump's Truth Social posts

On the site, the former president offers followers an intimate view of what his second term could look like. The Washington Post reviewed his content to see how his social media use has changed since his 2016 bid. **Story, A6**



FRANCIOSE FAMILY

Skiing was Emily Franciose's passion. The Colorado native and a fellow student died in an avalanche in March 2023.

The day the mountain crumbled

The day after their world crumbled, Sue and Reg Franciose arrived in Switzerland to search for their daughter. It had been 24 hours or so since the phone call — “There's been an accident” — and ever since, they had been sprinting through the fog, each frantic step darkened by questions with no answers.

They knew the likely outcome but had to come see for themselves what happened on the Wellhorn, a rocky peak that towers over the Reichenbachthal valley in the Bernese Alps.

A dash through multiple airports, a race through the mountains, and now they ambled through a small mountain village. That's when they saw him, sitting in his car on the side of the road. Sue stopped, unsure what to do.

In another life, Guido Bieri could have been a friend, swapping stories over wine

Her love of the backcountry drew Emily Franciose to boarding school in the Swiss Alps. Then the ground beneath her skis fell apart — and left her parents wanting answers.

BY RICK MAESE

after a long day on the mountain. He was 61, a beloved leader at the boarding school that their 18-year-old daughter, Emily, attended. He had taken her on nearly a dozen backcountry treks across the alps. Emily adored him. And Sue loved that she and Reg had someone in Switzerland to look after their daughter on the mountain.

In this life, though, Bieri was the tour guide on the previous day's outing, one of the last people to see Emily on the mountain.

Sue tapped on the car window. “We're Emily's parents,” she announced.

EMILY WAS AN ONLY CHILD. Sue and Reg met in 1998, in the Denver operating room. He was a trauma surgeon, and she was a cardiovascular perfusionist running the heart-lung

SEE AVALANCHE ON A8

Supreme Court divided over rights of unhoused

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND REIS THEBAULT

Supreme Court justices expressed concern Monday about punishing homeless people for sleeping outside when they have nowhere else to go, while also struggling with how to ensure that local and state leaders have flexibility to deal with the growing number of unhoused individuals

Justices question extent of Eighth Amendment, their own role in case

nationwide.

The court's review of a set of anti-camping laws in Oregon could lead to the most significant

ruling on the rights of the unhoused in decades, with potentially sweeping implications for state capitals and city streets.

Throughout a more than two-hour argument, the justices seemed to divide along ideological lines with conservatives who make up the court's majority suggesting that elected officials and lawmakers — not judges — should be setting local rules for dealing

with homeless people.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. asked the Biden administration's lawyer: “Why would you think these nine people are the best people to judge and weigh those policy judgments?”

Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh

SEE COURT ON A2

Activists lie in: People protest measures penalizing homeless. B1

Report calls for UNRWA reforms

REVIEW ADVOCATES TOUGHER VETTING

Says Israel hasn't proved rampant staff militancy

BY CLAIRE PARKER

JERUSALEM — Israel has not provided evidence that significant numbers of workers with the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees are tied to militant groups, but the agency must implement more robust vetting of staff members to ensure neutrality and work to re-establish trust with donors, a highly anticipated report said Monday.

Based on an examination of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's screening procedures, code of ethics, management structure, staff training and other practices, the independent review group concluded that the agency has “established and updated a significant number of policies, mechanisms and procedures” to uphold neutrality in recent years but is in need of critical reforms.

Former French foreign minister Catherine Colonna, who led the review group, called the agency “indispensable and irreplaceable” in a news conference Monday. “As we speak, at this critical time, UNRWA has a vital role in the humanitarian response in Gaza,” she added.

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Accepting blame: Israel's military intelligence chief is resigning. A14

HHS moves to shield abortion records

New rules protect those who legally obtain or perform procedure

BY DAN DIAMOND AND RACHEL ROUBEIN

The Biden administration on Monday announced new rules intended to protect the privacy of patients seeking abortions, and the health workers who may have provided them, from Republican prosecutors who have threatened to crack down on the procedure.

The rules strengthen a nearly 30-year-old health privacy law — known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA — to offer more robust legal protections to those who obtain or provide reproductive health care in a state where it is legal to do so. The final policy prohibits physicians, insurers and other health-care organizations from disclosing health information to state officials for the purposes of conducting an investigation, filing a lawsuit or prosecuting a patient or provider. It covers women who cross state lines to legally terminate a pregnancy and those who qualify for an exception to their state's abortion ban, such as in cases of rape, incest or a medical emergency.

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Pro-Gaza protesters arrested at Yale, NYU

Schools crack down as demonstrations intensify on campuses nationwide

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS, HANNAH NATANSON, DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL AND KYLE MELNICK

Columbia University canceled in-person classes, police arrested dozens of protesters at Yale and New York universities, and pro-Palestinian demonstrators set up encampments at other colleges

Monday as tensions flared again on campuses across the country over the Israel-Gaza war.

Students at many schools are escalating protests over the war, living in tents on campus, disrupting university events, and risking and provoking arrest, leading to a growing sense of chaos and crack-down at colleges in the waning days of the academic year. College leaders are facing intense scrutiny over whether they are doing enough to protect students, faculty and staff against alleged anti-

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PEN America: Awards ceremony canceled amid Gaza dissent. C1



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Columbia University faculty members and other supporters protest the school's use of police and disciplinary measures against student activists. Columbia held all its classes virtually Monday.

IN THE NEWS

Deportations to Rwanda Britain's Parliament passed a bill backed by the prime minister, who vowed to begin flying asylum seekers to the African nation within 12 weeks. A12

Honoring educators Meet The Washington Post's Teacher and Principal of the Year: Laura Senturia and Zadia Gadsden. B1

THE NATION A House race offers a preview of Democrats' plans to make democracy a campaign issue. A3
The Biden administration set a first-ever minimum staffing rule for nursing homes. A7

THE WORLD At least 11 people were missing after historic levels of rain hit China's Guangdong province. A11
A Russian man was sentenced to five years of labor for an antiwar remark made in 2022. A12

THE ECONOMY On TikTok, a Chinese chemical manufacturer and its upbeat marketing videos have sparked an obsession. A15
A new report urges shoring up the system for reporting online child sex abuse before it is swamped by AI-generated material. A16

STYLE At the Venice Biennale, the art suggests determination in the face of the world's many woes. C1

HEALTH & SCIENCE Is it true that high heels are bad for your feet and that dogs can “catch” yawns? A myth-busting issue tackles these questions and more. E1

SPORTS The NFL draft could have as many as six quarterbacks taken in the first round. And every one of them carries a huge amount of risk. D1
A trio of brothers from Afghanistan found lacrosse after settling with their family at North County High School. D1

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