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AHMAUD ARBERY UPDATE

Ahmaud Arbery murder suspect requests court ban photo of Confederate flag license plate

Travis McMichael and his attorneys have requested that the court ban a photo of his old Georgia flag-theme vanity license plate, which includes a Confederate emblem.

In response, the state asked the court to deny the motion, saying the plates were on the truck at the time of the incident when Arbery was shot and killed.

Earlier this month, a Georgia judge ruled that Arbery's mental health records could not be used as trial evidence by the defense, ruling that his medical privacy, even in death, trumped the rights of the men standing trial to a robust defense. And he concluded that a registered nurse's "highly questionable diagnosis" that Arbery suffered from mental illness during his first and only visit to a mental health services provider in 2018 could unfairly prejudice a trial jury.

"There is no evidence that the victim was suffering from any mental health issue, or had otherwise decompensated, on February 23, 2020," the date Arbery was killed, the judge's ruling said.

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FEEDBACK / QUICK HITS

Respond to feedback or briefly discuss points of interest that doesn't warrant a full segment. Try to keep each topic discussion 5 minutes or less.

DC changes how it clears homeless encampments after equipment picks up resident inside tent

Wayne Turnage, D.C.'s deputy mayor for health and human services, said his team had checked the tent before the Bobcat moved in to clear it. What remains unclear, he said, is if the man reentered the tent or if he was somehow missed when the tent was checked.

“Whatever the case, we will make sure that it does not happen again,” Turnage told WTOP.

Immediate changes have been made, Turnage said, when it comes to how the machines are used during the clearing of an encampment.

“There will be a check to make sure there is absolutely nobody in that tent, and then a person will stand there while the Bobcat comes to make sure nobody comes in the tent after the check is made,” Turnage said.

Turnage said he was told the man was taken to the hospital to be evaluated but will be OK.

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Cows are no longer essential for meat and milk

It's lunchtime in El Segundo, a small coastal town in Los Angeles County, around 130km west of where the McDonald brothers opened their first burger stand in 1948. Burgers are on the menu today. They come three to a tray, glistening in their brioche buns, piled high with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and a creamsicle-orange sauce that tastes like mayonnaise-mellowed ketchup. Alongside them are other greatest hits from American fast-food menus: sausages nestled into long hot-dog buns with sautéed bell peppers and onions; sausage patties on flat English muffins; deep-fried chunks of white meat that look and taste like chicken nuggets.

Nothing on the table contains animal products. The brioches are vegan; what looks like meat is made from pea protein. Everything was, as American fast-food usually is, delicious after the first bite and regret-inducing by the third. Though the nuggets were slightly softer than chicken, the burger lacked beef's mineral funk and the sausage lacked pork's telltale grease, all were a far cry from the worthy-tasting frozen pucks of compressed grains and seasonings, desiccated beany cylinders and mulchy “tenders” that once were the only meatless burger, sausage and chicken substitutes on the market.

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Top State Department official resigns, assails Biden's use of Title 42 to remove migrants

A top State Department official is resigning from the Biden administration, penning a scathing memo on his way out that criticized the administration's use of a Trump-era regulation that allows the government to deport illegal immigrants.

In the memo, obtained by Politico, State Department senior adviser Harold Koh assailed the administration's use of the Trump-era Title 42 as "inhumane."

"It simply is not worthy of this Administration that I so strongly support," Koh said in the memo, which was dated Oct. 2.

Title 42 gives the administration the ability to bar people from entering the country during a health crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The Biden administration has used it to deport thousands of migrants without giving them a chance to seek asylum.

But critics of the policy such as Koh contend that it is unlawful.

"I believe this Administration's current implementation of the Title 42 authority continues to violate our legal obligation not to expel or return ["refouler"] individuals who fear persecution, death, or torture, especially migrants fleeing from Haiti," Koh argued, adding that "lawful, more humane alternatives plainly exist, and there are approaching opportunities in the near future to substitute those alternatives in place of the current, badly flawed policy."

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Otago University honours Hubbard

The Queenstown athlete became the first openly transgender woman to compete at the Olympics when she contested the women's 87+kg at the Tokyo Games this year.

The 43-year-old was eliminated from the event when she failed to make a successful lift in the snatch.

Her achievement was recognised with the sportswoman of the year award at University of Otago and OUSA Blues and Golds Awards on Tuesday.

In a short statement to the Otago Daily Times Hubbard said she was "grateful for all of the support and kindness received from the teaching staff and students at Otago University".

"It is not possible for athletes to complete at the Olympic level without the encouragement and aroha of friends, family and supporters.

"This award belongs to everyone who has been part of my Olympic journey."

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Trillion-dollar platinum coin could be minted at the last minute

A trillion-dollar platinum coin could be minted "within hours of the Treasury Secretary's decision to do so," Philip Diehl, former director of the United States Mint, tells Axios.

Why it matters: Congressional solutions to the debt-ceiling problem could take weeks to implement, especially if the reconciliation process is used — and time is running out. In case of emergency, a trillion-dollar coin could be deployed to bridge any gap between the money running out and the debt ceiling being raised.

How it works: The U.S. Mint, which Diehl ran from 1994 to 2000, already produces a one-ounce Platinum Eagle and has no shortage of platinum blanks already in stock.

Producing a trillion-dollar Eagle would require only the denomination to be changed. "This could be quickly executed on the existing plaster mold of the Platinum Eagle," says Diehl. Then an automated process would transfer the new design to a plastic resin mold.

Even if Janet Yellen, the Treasury secretary, has no intention of minting such a coin, there is no reason for her not to quietly instruct the Mint director to take those steps a day or two in advance.

At that point, a coin could be struck in minutes at the West Point mint. Even if it then needed to be physically deposited at the New York Fed, that's only a short helicopter ride away.

"Voila, we'd have bought ourselves the equivalent of a trillion-dollar increase in the debt limit, without any impact on inflation," says Diehl.

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Officiel du gouvernement - Canada



People across the country are lighting candles to honour Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people who are missing or have been murdered. We must continue to work together, raise awareness, and advocate to end this ongoing national tragedy. [#SistersInSpirit](#)



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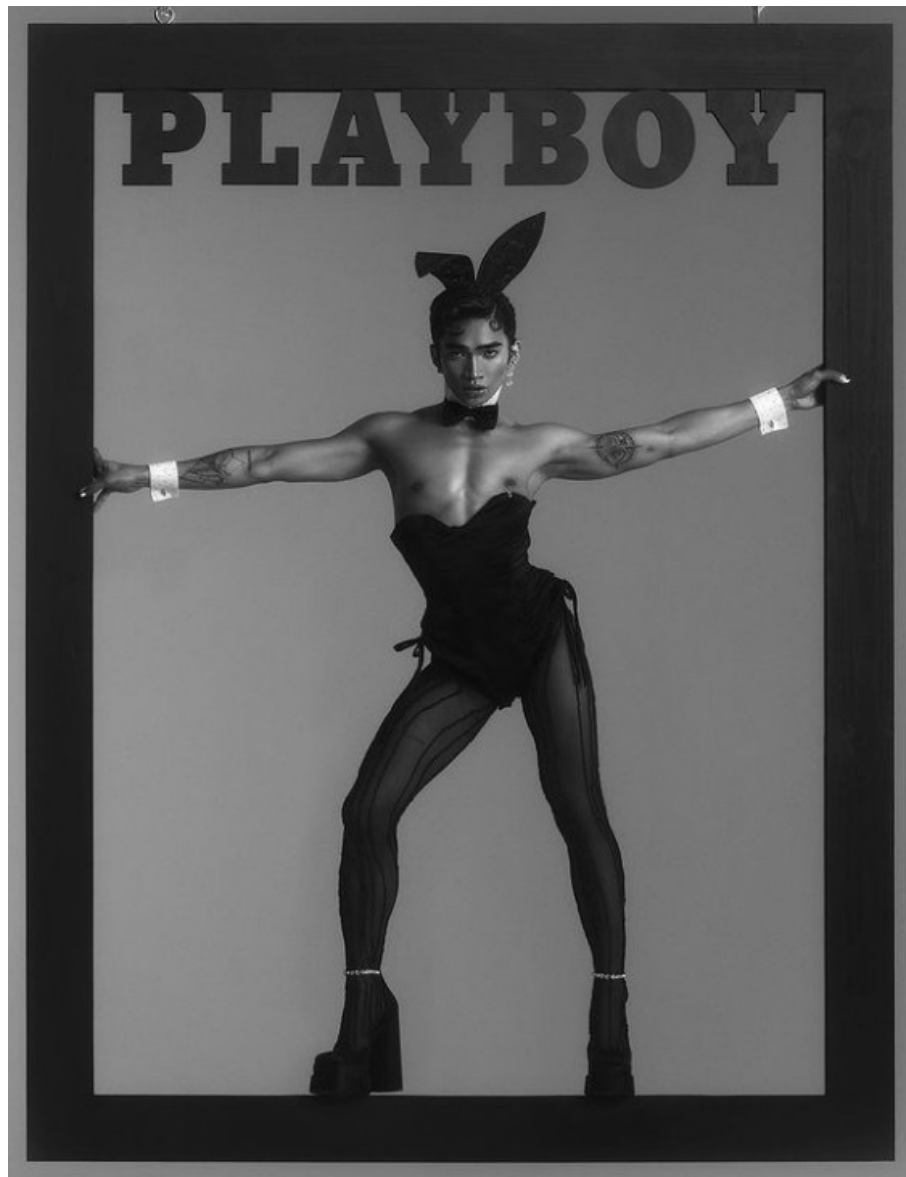
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Bretman Rock is Playboy's first openly gay male cover star

Bretman Rock has donned Playboy's famed bunny ears and become the first out gay man to star on its cover.

The 23-year-old Filipino beauty influencer, who rose to fame on YouTube before landing his own MTV show, is one of the few men to ever wear the Playboy ears, joining actors Ezra Miller and Paul Rudd. And he follows in the footsteps of Bad Bunny, who made history last July as the magazine's first male cover star (besides its late founder, Hugh Hefner).



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SHENANIGANS & SKULDUGGERY

'Horror frog' breaks own bones to produce claws



“Amphibian horror” isn’t a movie genre, but on this evidence perhaps it should be. Harvard biologists have described a bizarre, hairy frog with cat-like extendable claws.

Trichobatrachus robustus actively breaks its own bones to produce claws that puncture their way out of the frog’s toe pads, probably when it is threatened.

David Blackburn and colleagues at Harvard University’s Museum of Comparative Zoology, think the gruesome behaviour is a defence mechanism.

The researchers say there are salamanders that force their ribs through their skin to produce protective barbs on demand, but nothing quite like this mechanism has been seen before.

The feature is also found in nine of the 11 frogs belonging to the *Astylosternus* genus, most of which live in Cameroon.

Instant weapon

“Some other frogs have bony spines that project from their wrist, but in those species it appears that the bones grow through the skin rather than pierce it when needed for defence,” says Blackburn.

At rest, the claws of *T. robustus*, found on the hind feet only, are nestled inside a mass of connective tissue. A chunk of collagen forms a bond between the claw’s sharp point and a small piece of bone at the tip of the frog’s toe.

The other end of the claw is connected to a muscle. Blackburn and his colleagues believe that when the animal is attacked, it contracts this muscle, which pulls the claw downwards. The sharp point then breaks away from the bony tip and cuts through the toe pad, emerging on the underside.

Hirsute horror

The end result may look like a cat’s claw, but the breaking and cutting mechanism is very different and unique among vertebrates. Also unique is the fact that the claw is just bone and does not have an outer coating of keratin like other claws do.

Because Blackburn has only studied dead specimens, he says he does not know what happens when the claw retracts – or even how it retracts. It does not appear to have a muscle to pull it back inside so the team think it may passively slide back into the toe pad when its muscle relaxes.

“Being amphibians, it would not be surprising if some parts of the wound heal and the tissue is regenerated,” says Blackburn.

Males of the species, which grows to about 11 centimetres, also produce long hair-like strands of skin and arteries when they breed (see image). It is thought that the “hairs” allow them to take in more oxygen through their skin while they take care of their brood.

Spiky snack

In Cameroon, they are roasted and eaten. Hunters use long spears and machetes to kill the frogs, apparently to avoid being hurt by their claws.

“This is an incredible story,” says Ian Stephen, curator of herpetology at the Zoological Society of London, UK. “Some frogs grow spines on their thumbs during breeding season, but this is entirely different.”

“For me, it highlights the need for a lot more research on amphibians especially in light of the threat of mass extinctions,” he adds.

The existence of frogs with erectile claws like cats was first described by Belgian zoologist George Boulenger in 1900 in frogs found in the French Congo, now the Republic of Congo.

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OUTRO

WELL THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF TONIGHT'S SHOW.

JOE; DO YOU HAVE ANY [BIG|FUN|ETC.] PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND?

[BRIEF BANTER]

JOIN US HERE NEXT WEEK WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE OUR NEVER-ENDING QUEST TO SOLVE THE WORLDS PROBLEMS ... ONE DRINK AT A TIME.

TAKE CARE!

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- 002 - One for the Treble - Davy D
- 003 - Beat Street Breakdown - Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five
- 004 - Tear This Mothafucka Up - Ice Cube
- 005 - Sound of the Police - KRS-One
- 006 - Guitar Sound - Ronald Jenkees
- 007 - Guitar Sound - Ronald Jenkees
- 008 - The Moment - X5
- 009 - Kung Fu Fighting - Carl Douglas
- 010 - Dream Team Is In The House - LA Dream Team
- 011 - Cock The Hammer - Cypress Hill
- 012 - Bring The Noise - Public Enemy
- 013 - I Think I Can Beat Mike Tyson - DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince
- 014 - Baby Got Back - Sir Mix-A-Lot
- 015 - First Day Of School/When Will They Shoot - Ice Cube
- 016 - King Of Rock - Run DMC
- 017 - Free Fallin' - De la Soul & Teenage Fan Club
- 018 - Regulate - Warren G
- 019 - Me, Myself, and I - De La Soul
- 020 - Jump - Kris Kross / Pimpin' Ain't Easy - Big Daddy Kane (feat. Nice & Smooth) / Ain't No Future In Your Frontin' - MC Breed
- 021 - 6 In Tha Mornin' - Ice-T / Fuck Tha Police - NWA / Pinky Ring - UGK
- 022 - Know The Ledge - Eric B & Rakim
- 023 - Half-Breed - Cher / The Ghetto - Too \$hort
- 024 - Natural Born Killaz - Dr. Dre & Ice Cube
- 025 - Crumbs on the Table - D-Nice
- 026 - Halloween Remix – Ronald Jenkees / The Haunted House of Rock – Whodini
- 027 - Arrest The President / No Vaseline – Ice Cube

028 - Dual Core - All The Things

029 - Kraftwerk - Tour De France

030 - Wax Tailor - Que Sera

031 - Ice Cube – The Shot / Creedence Clearwater Revival – Bad Moon Rising

032 - John Fogerty – Centerfield / Dr. Dre – Keep They Heads Ringin’ / Chopin - Nocturne in C-sharp minor, Op. Posth.

033 – The Futuristic Sex Robots – Snakes on a plane, Beefy – Nerd / Royal Philharmonic – Another Brick In The Wall

034 – AC/DC – Back in Black / Mark Morrison – Return of the Mack (Instrumental)

035 – Kool Moe Dee – Wild Wild West / Avenue Q – The Internet Is For Porn

036 – Misc – Donald Trump Hip Hop Name Drop / Ray Charles – Hit The Road Jack

037 – Kid ‘n Play - Rollin’ With Kid ‘n Play / Music from Sherlock Holmes

038 - Parliament - Theme from the Black Hole

039 – WAR - Why Can’t We Be Friends

040 – The Pretenders – My City Was Gone

041 – Jimi Hendrix – Hey Joe

042 – Brooks & Dunn – Texas Women (Don’t Stay Loney Long)

043 – Joe Nichols – Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off

044 – De La Soul – Plug Tunin’

045 – Eric B & Rakim – Know The Ledge

046 - Chris Webby - Raw Thoughts

047 - R. Kelly - Bump N' Grind

048 - Dusty Springfield - Son of a Preacher Man

049 - Digital Underground - Flowin' On The D-Line / Freaks of the Industry / Good Thing We're Rappin'

050 – 2 Live Crew – Me So Horny / Q Lazzarus & Garvey - Goodbye Horses

051 – Luniz – I Got 5 On It

052 - Nails - 88 Lines About 44 Women / Ice Cube – Ghetto Vet

053 - Macklemore - Downtown

054 - Blood Hound Gang - The Bad Touch / Beastie Boys – No Sleep Til Brooklyn

055 - Paolo Conte - Happy Feet / Paolo Conte - Via Con Me

056 - Midnight Star - Freak-A-Zoid

057 – Kurtis Blow – I'm Chillin' / Yarbrough & Peoples - Don't Stop The Music

058 - Queen With Armageddon Aka Geddy I Want It All We Will Rock You Mash Up