

President Picks
Loyal Lawyer
As Prosecutor

Interim U.S. Attorney
Has Thin Résumé

By ALAN FEUER

Lindsey Halligan, the lawyer chosen by President Trump to replace the ousted U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, has left no doubt about her willingness to lead a charge on his behalf.

As one of his personal lawyers, Ms. Halligan, a go-for-the-jugular loyalist who is comfortable on television, denounced the F.B.I. when agents seized classified documents in 2022 from Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Trump's private club and residence in Florida. As a White House special assistant, she has taken the lead in scrutinizing exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution for "improper ideology."

Lacking from her background altogether, however, is any experience in working as a prosecutor or overseeing the complex national security cases that regularly pass through the Eastern District of Virginia. Court records show that Ms. Halligan, who has largely spent her career handling insurance matters in Florida, has filed appearances in only a handful of federal cases during her decade in the law — all of them as one of Mr. Trump's personal lawyers.

Despite her slender résumé, Mr. Trump declared on Saturday that he planned to nominate Ms. Halligan, 36, to assume control of one of the country's most important prosecutors' offices at a moment of outside disarray and tension: just after her predecessor, Erik S. Siebert, was forced out by



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Lindsey Halligan will take over high-profile investigations.

the White House after failing to bring charges against two of the president's perceived enemies.

The expectation, as expressed by Mr. Trump in a social media post announcing her appointment, is that Ms. Halligan would "get things moving" in an office that had been investigating Letitia James, the New York State attorney general, and James B. Comey, the former F.B.I. director.

In his post, Mr. Trump called Ms. Halligan "a tough prosecutor," and he wasted no time putting her in place: Instead of waiting for a

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GUARDRAILS The criminal justice system has protections that could ultimately hamper the president's moves for revenge. PAGE A16



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"What is the purpose of the United Nations?" President Trump asked the General Assembly on Tuesday during a 56-minute speech.

In Shift, Trump
Says Ukraine
Can Win War

By DAVID E. SANGER

President Trump reversed himself on one of the key foreign policy issues of his presidency on Tuesday, abandoning his insistence that Ukraine give up land to strike a peace deal with Russia and instead declaring that Ukraine, with the support of Europe, was "in a position to fight and WIN all of Ukraine back in its original form."

His turnabout on social media shortly after a meeting in New York with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine was a head-spinning pivot. After his three-hour meeting with Russia's president, Vladimir V. Putin, in Alaska more than five weeks ago, he insisted that Mr. Zelensky would have to face reality and make a deal, giving up territory to its larger and stronger neighbor.

Mr. Trump provided no rationale for his stunning turnaround, though several European officials suspected that by distancing himself from the war, the president was washing his hands of a conflict that he once promised to solve in days or weeks. In his eight months in office, Mr. Trump has ricocheted from one position to another on Ukraine.

In February, he slammed Mr. Zelensky for insisting on American aid, yelling at him in the Oval Office, "You don't have the cards." In the spring, he cultivated Mr. Putin, exempting him from tariffs. This summer, he rolled out a red carpet for him in Alaska.

Now, he sounded as if he was

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Unproven Theories Irk Those Touched by Autism

By SONIA A. RAO

Sitting on the couch a few weeks ago watching television, Jonathan Gardner saw something that made him text his mother immediately. "Weird question," he typed. "Did you take Tylenol at all when you were pregnant with me?"

He had seen a news report about a scientific review finding a possible correlation — though not a causal link — between the use of acetaminophen during pregnancy and a higher incidence of neurodevelopmental disorders.

Mr. Gardner, a local disability advocate in East Bridgewater, Mass., was diagnosed with autism before he turned 2. His mother, Nancy Gardner, replied that she didn't take acetaminophen — the active ingredient in the painkiller Tylenol — during pregnancy.

And now she worried that a focus on the decisions of mothers would create unnecessary guilt for parents. "It's no one's fault" when a child has autism, she said in an interview.

That's something that many people with autism and their families were repeating on Monday, as

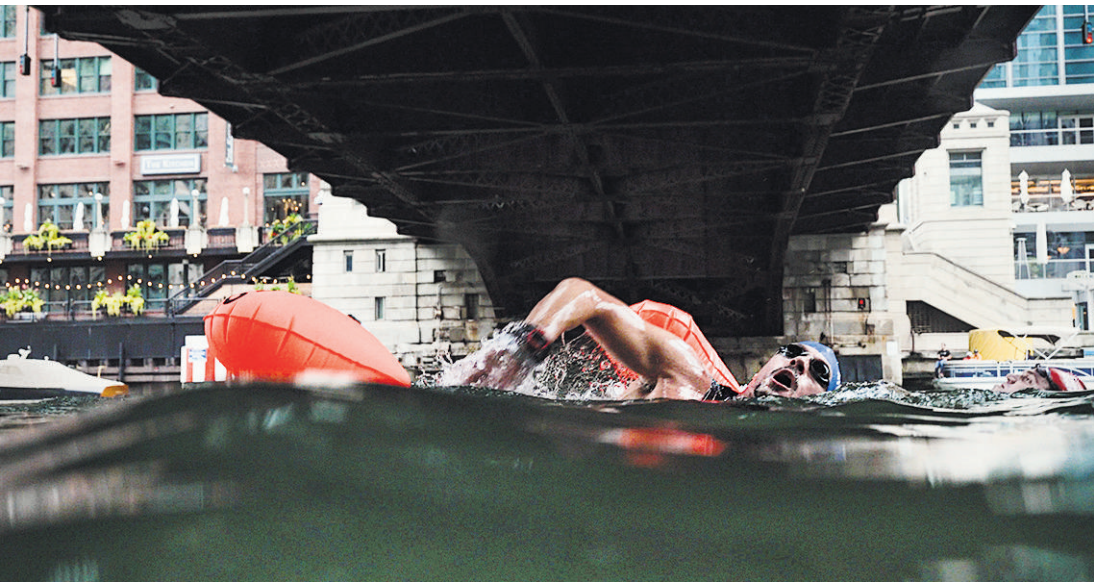
A Depiction of a 'Crisis' Affected by Tylenol Instills Mistrust

President Trump and his health secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., launched a broad offensive against the mainstream understanding of the condition, including telling pregnant women to resist using Tylenol, despite conflicting evidence and a lack of proof it causes autism.

"Don't take it," Mr. Trump said in a White House briefing where he also delivered flawed medical remarks about vaccines and other science on autism, including urging

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UNUSUAL STEP The F.D.A. upended its review process with its approval of an old generic drug as a treatment for autism. PAGE A22



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Chicago Reclaims 'Filthy' River

Decades of work to clean the Chicago River culminated with the first group swim in nearly a century on Sunday. It was the latest sign of the city's changing relationship with its river. Page A13.

Kimmel Returns, but Not to Every ABC Station

By BENJAMIN MULLIN

Jimmy Kimmel's late-night show was set to return to ABC on Tuesday night after a tense stand-off from remarks he made about the Trump administration's response to the killing of the conservative activist Charlie Kirk. But about a quarter of the ABC stations in the United States were not planning to air it.

Nexstar, a major owner of local ABC stations, said on Tuesday morning that it would pre-empt Mr. Kimmel's show indefinitely. Sinclair, another owner of local affiliates, said the same on Monday



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Jimmy Kimmel's show is enmeshed in a free speech debate.

evening, hours after Disney announced "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" would return. Nexstar said it would replace the show with news programming, pending further "discussions with ABC."

Those decisions set up a high-stakes impasse between Disney and the TV station groups that transmit its shows to millions of households across the United States.

The threat of a sustained boycott — a rarity for local television — puts the stations at the center of a debate over free speech that has erupted in the days since Disney

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Musk's Father Is Accused of Child Sexual Abuse

By KIRSTEN GRIND and JOHN ELIGON

Elon Musk has not been shy about putting much of his life on public display. The tech billionaire posts daily on his social network X, has cooperated with two biographies and often speaks on podcasts and at conferences.

But there is one part of his life that he has not revealed much about — his longtime estrangement from his father, Errol Musk, who has become increasingly outspoken about his family and business ventures tied to the Musk name.



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Errol Musk, father of the tech billionaire Elon Musk.

A New York Times investigation found that a significant factor in Elon Musk's rupture with his father stems from accusations against Errol Musk of child sex abuse. The allegations have repeatedly spilled over into Elon Musk's life as relatives have contacted him for help and he has sometimes taken action to intercede, according to personal letters, emails and interviews with family members.

The family's troubles have entangled Elon Musk in a painful three-decade multigenerational saga that continues to trail him.

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When an ICE raid on a small factory breaks up families in rural New York, Gov. Kathy Hochul demands a remedy, and waits for a reply. PAGE A20

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