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The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Spain, which looked if it had burst glittering from the earth, was Frank O. Gehry’s peak success.

FRANK O. GEHRY, 1929-2025

An Exuberant Disrupter of Architectural Forms

By NICOLAI OUROUSSOFF

Frank O. Gehry, one of the most formidable and original talents in the history of American architecture, died on Friday at his home in Santa Monica, Calif. He was 96. Meaghan Lloyd, his chief of staff, confirmed the death, following a brief respiratory illness. Mr. Gehry’s greatest popular success, and the building he will be most remembered for, is the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao. Set in what had been a dying industrial city on the northern coast of Spain, this wildly exuberant, titanium-clad museum was an inter-

national sensation when it opened in 1997, helping to revivify the city and making Mr. Gehry the most recognizable American architect since Frank Lloyd Wright. Its joyful appearance — a composition of glittering, silvery forms that looked as if they had burst out of the ground — seemed to signal the arrival of a new, emotionally charged architecture. Mr. Gehry, one of the first architects to grasp the liberating potential of computer design, went on to create a host of other celebrated buildings — many of them widely regarded as masterpieces — that in their sculptural bravura and visceral power matched or even

surpassed the Baroque architecture of the 17th century. These included the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, with its cocoonlike interior, completed in 2003; New World Center (2011), a concert hall in Miami stuffed with cylindrical rehearsal halls; and the Fondation Louis Vuitton (2014), a museum in Paris so ethereal that it looked as if it were made of blown glass. But Mr. Gehry, who won the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1989, had made his name long before then. He burst into the consciousness of the architectural world in 1978 with the completion

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Tense Times in Venezuela’s Capital

Exhausted by crises, residents of Caracas have largely tuned out the U.S. show of force. Page A6.

Netflix to Buy Warner Bros. in \$83 Billion Deal

This article is by **Brooks Barnes, Lauren Hirsch and Nicole Sperling.**

LOS ANGELES — Netflix announced plans on Friday to acquire Warner Bros. Discovery’s studio and streaming business, in a deal that will send shock waves through Hollywood and the broader media landscape. The cash-and-stock deal values

A Streaming Giant May Upend Hollywood

the business at \$82.7 billion, including debt. The acquisition is expected to close after Warner Bros. Discovery carves out its cable unit, which the companies expected to be completed by the

third quarter of 2026. That means there will be a separate public company controlling channels like CNN, TNT and Discovery. Netflix is already the world’s largest paid streaming service,

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Zohran Mamdani of New York has turned to crypto kings, movie stars and an oil heir to help fund his transition and inauguration. PAGE A11

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Video shows a woman beside a self-driving taxi, trying to lure a cat to safety. Then the car drove off. PAGE A10

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Kiosks that resemble ordinary cash machines and dispense virtual currencies have proliferated across the country. Now they are coming under scrutiny as a tool for scammers. PAGE B1

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THIS WEEKEND



Kennedy Is Upending Science-Based Policies On Vaccinating the U.S.

Methodical Quest to Sideline Scientists and Lift Allies

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and CHRISTINA JEWETT

WASHINGTON — Throughout his two-decade crusade against vaccines, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. viewed the federal government’s Vaccine Safety Datalink as a kind of holy grail. With millions of confidential patient records, the database, he believed, held the potential to prove whether vaccines cause autism.

After he became President Trump’s health secretary, Mr. Kennedy demanded access to the data, and assigned an old ally to examine it. But the scientists who managed it were standing in his way, worried that the data could be used improperly. Frustrated, Mr. Kennedy sent Hannah Anderson, one of his top advisers, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

“She said, ‘I can’t leave town until you figure out how we’re going to do this,’” recalled Dr. Daniel Jernigan, who oversaw the database and has since left the C.D.C. In the end, Ms. Anderson got the data.

Mr. Kennedy took over the Department of Health and Human Services in February after assuring skeptical senators weighing his confirmation that despite 20 years of hostility toward the country’s long-established vaccine system, he would do nothing that “makes it difficult or discourages people from taking vaccines.”

He sought to present a more unifying agenda, vowing to target ultraprocessed foods and minimize toxic exposures as part of a broader mission to “reverse the chronic disease epidemic and put the nation back on the road to good health.”

But an examination of Mr. Kennedy’s tenure atop the nation’s huge health agency shows how, in ways not previously known, he has methodically laid the groundwork to overhaul American vaccine policy, following a blueprint he laid out in books, speeches and podcast appearances during his years as the leader of a movement attacking the system he now oversees. He has walled himself off from the government scientists and other civil servants he distrusts while elevating longtime allies to help carry out his vaccine agenda.

Mr. Kennedy has denied misleading senators about his intentions. He said in an interview that it should be no surprise that he brought in people he can trust, including parents who believe their children were injured by vaccines. “I don’t want to perpetuate a system that everybody knows is broken,” he said, adding, “I need people in there who are highly motivated to challenge the inertia, challenge the orthodoxies, because the biggest threat to the system is inertia, because it will just continue this terrible sick care system where everyone is sicker. You need to disrupt it.”

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Ending Guidance on Hepatitis B Shots for All Newborns

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

ATLANTA — A federal vaccine committee took a major step toward Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s goal of remaking the childhood vaccine schedule on Friday, voting to end a decades-long recommendation that all newborns be immunized at birth against hepatitis B, a highly infectious virus that can cause severe liver damage.

The divisiveness and dysfunction of the committee in making the decision, however, raised questions about the reliability of the advisory process and left at least one critic “very concerned about the future” of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The panel, called the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, voted 8 to 3 that women who test negative for hepatitis B should consult with their health care providers and decide “when or if” their children will be vaccinated against the virus at birth. The committee did not change the recommendation that newborns of mothers known to be infected or whose status is unknown be immunized. The shift is not expected to affect insurance coverage of the shots.

The new recommendations will become official C.D.C. guidance once Jim O’Neill, the agency’s acting director, accepts them.



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Dr. Robert Malone, vice chair of the advisory vaccine panel.

More changes to vaccine policy are likely to follow in the next months, as the committee goes on to review all childhood immunizations. The meeting’s presenters and at least some of the panelists are known for their anti-vaccine views and are close associates of Mr. Kennedy.

Aaron Siri, a lawyer who for years joined with Mr. Kennedy in court battles over vaccines, talked at length later in the day about the evolution of the childhood schedule. Mr. Siri has petitioned the government to stop distribution of 13 vaccines, including polio vaccines.

The meeting also dealt another blow to the C.D.C.’s standing as an authority that the nation and the

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‘Civilizational Erasure’ for Europe, U.S. Claims

This article is by **Michael D. Shear, Jeanna Smialek and Lara Jakes.**

LONDON — The Trump administration said on Friday that Europe was facing the “stark prospect of civilizational erasure” and pledged that the United States would support like-minded “patriotic” parties across the continent to prevent a future in which

Report Cites Migration and Hails Far Right

“certain NATO members will become majority non-European.”

The grim assessment of Europe’s future was released overnight as part of an annual update to the United States’ national

security strategy around the world.

Without naming them directly, the document says the United States should be “cultivating resistance” across Europe by supporting political parties that fight against migration and promote nationalism. That describes several right-wing populist parties like Reform U.K. in Britain and the

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