



Hunter Biden trial stirs drama in family

Emotions rise for current and former members as his exes detail drug use

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WILMINGTON, Del. — Kathleen Buhle stood in a beige suit Wednesday and stared through thick-rimmed glasses into the courtroom. Taking the witness stand, she made eye contact with her ex-husband, Hunter Biden, and went on to detail in a sober tone the ways she said his drug use affected her family and changed the man she loved.

In some of the most gripping testimony of the first three days of court proceedings here, Buhle recounted how she combed through Hunter's cars to remove drug paraphernalia so that their three daughters would not be caught driving with their father's drugs.

"I found a crack pipe on July 3, 2015, in an ashtray on the side porch of our house," she said, recalling that this happened the day after their wedding anniversary. "I was worried. Scared."

In many ways, the trial here is unfolding like a typical legal case, as prosecutors use photos, SEE TRIAL ON A20

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Now a felon, Trump rides energy from fired-up base

BY HANNAH KNOWLES

For seven weeks, Donald Trump fumed about being stuck in a New York courtroom and made a point to campaign in Democratic territory, rallying in New Jersey and courting voters of color in the Bronx.

Convicted last week and freed up — for now — Trump has returned to his comfort zone.

He basked in supportive chants at an Ultimate Fighting Championship event, sat for a nearly 90-minute interview with Fox News hosts and returned home to his Mar-a-Lago Club, where people cheered his arrival. He filmed short videos that would provide his supporters a steady stream of his thoughts on social media and blasted out emails assuring them that "I will always love you." On Thursday, he will appear at an Arizona town hall hosted by Turn- SEE TRUMP ON A4

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For migrants, there's 'no one else'

A nonprofit leader's mission to provide shelter puts him in Texas officials' crosshairs

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ IN EL PASO

Wilson Alexander Juárez Hernández crossed the border on a stretcher. He could not speak or walk. He'd lost so much weight that his fragile, skeletal frame jutted out from his skin. His legs and hands were twisted and locked defensively into a fetal position.

For three months he'd languished in a hospital bed in the border city of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, a ventilator pushing oxygen in and out of his weakened lungs. Forty people had died during the fire at an overcrowded Mexican detention center for migrants last spring. He survived, but now he faced a long recovery and the possibility of never walking again.

The United States agreed to grant him humanitarian parole so that he could enter the country and be treated by specialists in Texas, but he'd need ongoing therapeutic care, the kind that is hard for many Americans to get, let alone an immigrant.

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TOP: Annunciation House founder Ruben Garcia watches as guests are fed at Casa Papa Francisco, a shelter that his nonprofit runs for undocumented migrants in El Paso. **ABOVE:** Garcia at a march to support his group, whose shelters are at risk of being shut down.

Twelve months of record warmth

DANGEROUS GLOBAL THRESHOLD NEARS

Over that span, warming exceeded 1.5 degrees C

BY SCOTT DANCE

A streak of record-setting heat that began last summer has now persisted for an entire year across the globe, researchers announced Wednesday, pushing Earth closer to a dangerous threshold that the world's nations have pledged not to cross.

The data released by European climate scientists showed May was the 12th consecutive month during which average global temperatures surpassed all observations since 1850, and probably any extended period for more than 100,000 years. Over the past year, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service, global temperatures averaged 1.6 degrees Celsius (2.9 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels.

Under the landmark 2015 Paris agreement, the world's leaders pledged to limit Earth's temperature rise to 1.5 degrees C (2.7 degrees F) over preindustrial levels, to avert some of the worst effects of global warming. The fact that the planet surpassed this mark for one year does not amount to a permanent shift, but it comes as scientists are warning that it is likely to happen again — within a few years.

The World Meteorological Organization said that it is highly likely that, for at least one calendar year in the next five, temperatures will exceed 1.5 degrees C above preindustrial levels. SEE HEAT ON A12

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Boeing craft at last carries NASA crew into orbit

Launch, years behind schedule, is a milestone for both organizations

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

Boeing's Starliner spacecraft finally carried a pair of astronauts into orbit Wednesday, a key milestone in the company's troubled quest to provide NASA with a spacecraft capable of flying crews to the International Space Station.

An Atlas V rocket, operated by the United Launch Alliance, a joint venture of Boeing and Lockheed Martin, lifted off from its pad at 10:52 a.m., lighting up the sky of Florida's Space Coast in what was heralded as a triumphant beginning to a test of how the spacecraft operates with a crew on board.

The successful launch — after a month of delays — marks only the beginning of the journey. The autonomous spacecraft will have to catch up to the space station, traveling at 17,500 mph, and park itself at one of the orbiting laboratory's docking ports. Along the way, NASA astronauts Sunita "Suni" Williams and Barry "Butch" Wilmore, the first to ever



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An Atlas V rocket lifts off Wednesday from Cape Canaveral, Fla., with two NASA astronauts aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft.

fly on Starliner, will take manual control of the vehicle to see how it performs.

After docking with the space station, which is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Thursday, the capsule will spend about a week or more attached to the orbiting laboratory. Then crews will inspect the capsule to determine whether it could serve as a safe haven in the event of an emergency on the station, as well as how it operates in the vacuum of space.

The launch came after two canceled attempts, as engineers had to delay a few weeks to resolve a valve and computer issue with the rocket as well as a helium leak affecting the spacecraft's propulsion system. While the mission is far from complete, officials from NASA and Boeing said after the launch that they felt a sense of relief — and redemption.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson called the launch "another milestone in this extraordinary history of NASA. And I want to give my personal congratulations to the whole team that went through a lot of trial and tribulation. But they had perseverance."

Officials said the countdown proceeded very smoothly and that no major issues had come up. "So far, we're really not tracking hardly anything," Steve Stich, SEE STARLINER ON A14

2 trends stir alarm: Ghost guns, kids finding them

BY DAN MORSE AND JASMINE HILTON

A 4-year-old and 7-year-old were playing an innocent game of hide-and-seek Sunday evening in Maryland, when the younger child found not someone, but something: a loaded 9mm handgun. She pulled the weapon, a ghost gun, out from beneath the bed she was hiding under and shot herself in the arm, authorities said.

The incident was one of two in recent days in which police say a child in the D.C. region came upon such a weapon and shot themselves. The cases highlight two alarming public safety trends nationwide that worry gun safety experts and police: the soaring pervasiveness of homemade, untraceable weapons known as ghost guns and the increase in unintentional shootings by children.

"A 4-year-old is injured, and it could've been much worse," said Prince George's County Police Chief Malik Aziz after the shooting. SEE CHILDREN ON A2

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