

**10/24/21 Sunday**

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Max Verstappen Wins US Formula One Grand Prix, Lewis Hamilton Finishes Second  
By - Evan Craighead

Belgian-Dutch racing driver Max Verstappen held off British competitor Lewis Hamilton to claim a crucial US Grand Prix victory in Austin, Texas, on Sunday.

Verstappen was crowned victorious as the Red Bull driver crossed the line approximately 1.333 seconds ahead of Mercedes' Hamilton.

The victory, viewed by an estimated 160,000 attendees, extends Verstappen's lead over Hamilton to 12 points amid the Formula One Championship fight.

Spanish driver Fernando Alonso, of Alpine, was six miles from the finish line when a broken rear wing triggered his retirement.

This came shortly after Esteban Ocon, another Alpine driver, was forced into the garage and secured ninth place.

Scuderia AlphaTauri's Pierre Gasly was also forced to retire from the race after he experienced suspension failure after just 14 laps into the Formula One world championship race.

The Circuit of the Americas in Travis County, Texas, has hosted an estimated 400,000 individuals at its race facility over the past three days.

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Meghan McCain Thanks Trump for Publicity After 45's Scathing Statement Against Her Late Father  
By - Evan Craighead

On Friday, former US President Donald Trump made a lengthy statement against McCain and her family, suggesting that the former co-host of 'The View' is a "bully" and a "lowlife." McCain previously described Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner as "funeral crashers" that were unwelcome at the 2018 memorial service for her father.

McCain, who turned 37 on Saturday, laughed off [Trump's scathing remarks](#) during a recent appearance on Fox News' Media Buzz.

"My first reaction was, 'Thanks for the publicity,'" the 37-year-old said during [the Sunday broadcast](#), plugging her Audible original "Bad Republican." "He really has a way of helping people get publicity for their books."

McCain added that the [response from Trump](#) backs the title of her new memoir - exclusively available in the audio-only format.

She argued that she - like other [conservative values-driven Republicans](#)- is being shunned by many in the GOP for opposing Trump.

"I'm not a Trump supporter. My family and him have a blood feud at this point," McCain said, referring to the contentious relationship between her late father and the former president. "It's about what conservatism looks like, post-Trump, which I think is something Republicans are going to have to take a hard look at, one way or another - even if he ends up running in 2024." McCain also noted that she disliked Trump's comments about former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who notably [pulled back from the Republican Party](#) after the deadly January 6 riot at the US Capitol building.

"Wonderful to see Colin Powell, who made big mistakes on Iraq and famously, so-called weapons of mass destruction, be treated in death so beautifully by the Fake News Media," [Trump remarked of the decorated military leader and first black US Secretary of State](#), who served in that capacity from 2001 to 2005.

Both Powell and Sen. McCain were characterized by Trump as 'Republican in Name Only'. When it came to Trump's comments about her, Meghan McCain noted that she, with her husband Ben Domenech, co-founder of The Federalist, an online conservative media outlet, laughed them off.

"I'm used to it," she said of Trump's commentary toward her family.

During a recent appearance on Bravo's "Watch What Happens Live," [McCain revealed to host Andy Cohen](#) that she spoke with Trump while her father was alive, and 45 attempted to dismiss reports that he was poking fun at the lawmaker's physical appearance and movements. McCain emphasized that she initially did not want to take the call from the Trump White House, and only agreed because her father had urged her to respect the office of the US president, regardless of its current occupant.

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Jamie Lynn Spears Says Parents Pressured Her to Get an Abortion to Maintain Her Career  
By - Evan Craighead

Jamie Lynn Spears, 30, received negative media attention in 2007 after it was revealed that she was pregnant and planned on having the child. Although Nickelodeon's "Zoey 101" was not canceled because its star was pregnant, related parental outrage accompanied the teen-based comedy throughout its final season in 2008.

As if the Spears family did not have enough speculation about their private lives, Jamie Lynn Spears, the sister of musical pop icon Britney Spears, has readdressed issues surrounding her controversial teen pregnancy in a new memoir, "Things I Should Have Said."

Spears asserted in [excerpts obtained by TMZ](#) that, in 2007, after she told parents Jamie and Lynn Spears about her pregnancy, they "came to my room trying to convince me that having a baby at this point in my life was a terrible idea."

"It will kill your career. You are just too young. You don't know what you're doing. There are pills you can take. We can help you take care of this problem ... I know a doctor," Spears said her

parents told her, according to the excerpt. She successfully gave birth to a healthy daughter in 2008.

Spears added that "everyone around me just wanted to make this 'issue' disappear ... everyone was certain that termination would be the best course of action."

She also claimed that she was told not to reveal the pregnancy to her sister, Britney.

"I needed her more than ever and she wasn't able to help me in my most vulnerable time,"

Spears wrote, speaking of Britney. "To this day, the hurt of not being able to tell my sister myself still lingers."

Jamie Lynn Spears has recently been the target of [a Change.com petition](#) to get her removed from "Sweet Magnolias," the Netflix drama series in which she portrays Noreen Fitzgibbons. The petition appears to be predominantly signed by fans of her pop star sister.

"Jamie Lynn Spears has been apart [sic] of the disgusting dehumanizing conservatorship of her sister Britney Spears," wrote Makalah Mcnatt, who launched the petition four months ago.

"We've learned the truth & how Jamie Lynn is just as corrupt & responsible as the people who put her sister in that conservatorship."

As of this article's publication, the petition has over 28,000 signatures.

Britney has criticized her family in recent months concerning allegations that they were complicit in her conservatorship, which began in 2008. Jamie Spears, Britney and Jamie Lynn's father, was [suspended from the conservatorship on September 28](#).

Britney recently [blasted her family in an Instagram post](#), stating "Lord have mercy on my family's souls if I ever do an interview." She previously told a court that her family did "not do a goddamn thing" to help her while she was under her father's control.

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Facebook Exec Reportedly Warns Employees of 'More Bad Headlines' to Come  
By - Evan Craighead

Reports citing internal Facebook documents have been emerging since Friday, when outlets began publishing excerpts of testimony by Frances Haugen, a former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower who testified before a US Senate panel earlier this month. The unexpected cascade of content was originally scheduled to go live on Monday.

Over the weekend, one Facebook executive issued a company-wide memo apparently attempting to manage employee expectations in the coming weeks, [according to a report by Axios](#).

In the issuance, dated October 23rd, a Facebook VP of global affairs, Nick Clegg, warned employees that they may need to brace "for more bad headlines in the coming days".

Clegg suggested that upcoming coverage in US mainstream media would likely "contain mischaracterisations of our research, our motives, and where our priorities lie".

Employees should "listen and learn from criticism when it is fair, and push back strongly when it is not", the Facebook exec's memo detailed, while urging workers to keep their "heads held high".

The outpouring of information has come ahead of the planned Monday release of "The Facebook Papers", a series from at least 17 news organisations that leans heavily on information found in Haugen's testimony.

The consortium decided to lift its agreement for a Monday publication after The Wall Street Journal [published a piece](#) that contained information that cited documents obtained in Haugen's related affidavit.

The Associated Press, Politico, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, and NBC News were all part of the consortium.

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'What's-His-Name?' Nancy Pelosi Appears to Forget Donald Trump's Name

By - Nevin Brown

In an interview with Jake Tapper on CNN about the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi gave the appearance of forgetting former President Donald Trump's name.

The interview focused on US President Joe Biden and the Democrats' eagerness to eliminate the filibuster to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. The bill is designed to improve [federal oversight over changes in state laws that could disenfranchise voters](#).

In the interview, US Speaker of the House Pelosi noted that "the most important vote right now in the Congress of the United States is the vote to respect the sanctity of the vote, the fundamental basis of our democracy. So, if there were one vote that the filibuster could enable to go forward, that would be the vote, and enable so much more, because we're talking about stopping the suppression of the vote and the nullification of the elections".

After Pelosi communicated her desire to eliminate the filibuster, her brain may have filibustered her mouth from saying the name "Donald Trump", as she noted that "when what's-his-name was president and the Republicans were in power, Mitch McConnell pulled back the filibuster with simple majorities".

Jake Tapper, was quick to remind her of what "what's-his-name" name was, helpfully chiming in with the answer, "Donald Trump". Pelosi has a history of mixing up names or forgetting them altogether. In 2018, she confused [Donald Trump with George W. Bush](#) and [called](#)

The House Speaker spent the Trump presidency at odds with the latter, but it is unlikely she will ever fully forget his name.

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Friends Alum James Michael Tyler Dead After Battle With Prostate Cancer Battle

By - Nevin Brown

After a three-year battle with prostate cancer, Friends alum James Michael Taylor, 59, has passed away. He reportedly died in the comfort of his home.

The actor had been battling stage-four prostate cancer since September 2018. Taylor was able to continue working the first year following his diagnosis after he responded well to hormone therapy. However, during the pandemic, check-ups became more difficult and the cancer spread to his bones.

Cancer spreading to the bones caused paralysis in the lower half of his body. Aggressive chemotherapy was used to try and stop the spread of cancer, but Tyler knew his time was running out.

In June 2021, [on an episode of Today](#), he said, "It's stage 4 [now]. Late-stage cancer. So eventually, you know, it's gonna probably get me."

Tyler passed away at home on Sunday, [according to his representatives](#).

James Michael Tyler was best known for portraying Gunther, a barista and eventual manager of the Central Park coffee shop on the hit TV show Friends. He got his break because [he was the only extra on set that knew how to operate an espresso machine](#). He made his first appearance in the [second episode of the show](#), but it wasn't until the 33rd episode that his character spoke, and then, all he said was, "yeah."

As the show continued, his character grew, and his infatuation for Rachel Greene, played by Jennifer Aniston, made him a fan favorite.

Tyler, while not one of the friends on Friends, had the distinction of being the most-featured recurring character on the show, making an appearance in 148 of the 236 episodes of the popular show's ten-season run.

Tyler was unable to make it to the taping of the Friends reunion due to cancer treatment. The reunion show debuted in May 2021, and Tyler was able to appear via Zoom.

Of not being part of the reunion in person, he said, "I wanted to be a part of that, and initially I was going to be on the stage. It was my decision not to be a part of that physically and make an appearance on Zoom, basically, because I didn't wanna bring a downer on it, you know? I didn't want to be like, 'Oh, and by the way, Gunther has cancer.'"

The Friends theme song, "I'll Be There for You," rings true as fans and former members of the production expressed their love and sympathy for their favorite fictional barista, Gunther.

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Smoke in the Cabin Forces American Airlines Flight to Make an Emergency Landing  
By - Nevin Brown

American Airlines Flight AA3 was forced to make an emergency landing on Sunday at Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, Wisconsin.

The flight took off from New York's JFK Airport and was en route to Los Angeles' LAX. The flight was forced to make an emergency landing halfway across the country at 2:19 p.m. because of smoke in the cabin.

[According to SKYbrary](#), common causes of smoke in an aircraft include a short circuit or other electrical equipment failure, overheating of equipment caused by malfunction, a hot air leak from a pneumatic duct, a spillage of combustible fluid, or overheating in a galley oven.

According to a spokesperson, all 190 passengers and crew on board the plane are accounted for and safe. The plane spent [five minutes on the runway before being evacuated](#).

The plane will be held at the Dane County Regional Airport until it has been inspected by American Airlines. Passengers will reportedly be taken to LAX in a separate aircraft.

The plane, an Airbus 321, has [one of the safest records of any aircraft family](#).