Hospitals seeks retrial in Maya case

Motion filed by All Children's attorneys says jury foreperson broke conduct rules.

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Nearly two weeks after a jury awarded $261 million in damages against Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, its attorneys on Wednesday filed for a retrial in a motion that accused the jury foreperson of violating street conduct rules during the trial.

In a motion filed in Sarasota County circuit court, the hospital attorneys claimed that during the trial, then-juror Paul Lengyel shared information about the case with others on social media platforms. Yolanda Lengyel also attended the trial, but did not live in Venice, meaning she could have heard attorney discussions with the judge that were made outside the jury's presence, the motion states.

In a decision that gained national and international attention, partly because the case had been popularized in a Netflix documentary film, the jury found that All Children's Hospital and its attorneys on Wednesday

What does an El Niño winter mean for red tide?

Florida's coast has dodged an outbreak so far this fall, but that could change.

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Florida's Gulf Coast is approaching the end of an above-average hurricane season and record marine heat, but it's been a lackluster fall for what's become a common headscratcher: red tide.

Last year, Tampa Bay-area red tide outbreaks started in November and lasted through the winter. The toxic algae kept many people off local beaches and resulted in a series of fish kills.

But this fall's absence of Karenia brevis, the algae that causes red tide, has puzzled researchers.

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Parade performers lead the Tom Turkey float down Central Park West at the start of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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Thursday at the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

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Plea to slash fossil fuels

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By Sri Abrar

The oil and gas sector, one of the major emitters of planet-warming gases, will need a rapid and substantial overhaul for the world to avoid even worse extreme weather events fueled by human-caused climate change, according to a report released Thursday.

The current investment of $800 billion a year in the oil and gas sector will need to be cut in half and greenhouse emissions, which result from the burning of fossil fuels like oil, will need to fall by 60% to give the world a fighting chance to meet its climate goals, the International Energy Agency said. Greenhouse gases go up into the atmosphere and heat the planet, leading to several impacts, including extreme weather events.

The IEA report comes just ahead of the United Nations climate conference, or COP28, which begins next week. Oil and gas companies, as well as other people and organizations connected to fossil fuels, often attend the meeting, drawing criticism from environmentalists and climate experts. But others say the sector needs to be at the table to discuss how to transition to cleaner energy.

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Balloons, bands and Santa

Beloved characters soared through the skies above New York City and bands marched along the streets below on Thursday as the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade ashed in the holiday season. The parade started on Manhattan's Upper West Side, making its way alongside Central Park in front of massive crowds before ending by Macy's flagship store on 34th Street.

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Head of DeSantis super PAC Never Back Down resigns

Chris Jankowski's resignation is the latest staffing shakeup to hit presidential campaign.

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Chris Jankowski, the chief executive of the super PAC that has provided crucial support for Gov. Ron DeSantis' presidential campaign, resigned Wednesday.

The super PAC, called Never Back Down, confirmed his resign- ation on Thursday following Jankowski's bad piece of personnel news.

Former DeSantis campaign manager

Governor Ron DeSantis as President. Given the current environment it has become untenable for me to deliver on the shared goal and that goes well beyond a difference of strategic opinion, " he said. "For the future of our country I support and pray for our 47th president.

DeSantis' hold on second place in the Republican primary was in doubt at the end of June, the motion states.

On Wednesday, DeSantis' campaign staff because of the new administration's focus on building DeSantis' political operation, blurring the line that is supposed to separate campaigns from the president's.

The group had about 377 million in contribution records, which is the most recent figures available.

The news of Jankowski's resignation also comes days after a new pro-DeSantis super PAC, called Fight Right, was created, and began working on negative messaging against former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who has increasingly posed a threat to DeSantis' hold on second place in the Republican primary.

That group was established by a splinter faction of DeSantis supporters who were disappointed with Never Back Down, according to NBC News.

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