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Parents of disabled son face troubling future



Karen, on couch from left, Jeff and Danny Groff watch as Jessica Hartman plays with her daughter Cecelia during a family “happy hour” held at a relative’s home in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

‘Our worst nightmare is that we lose him first. And our worst nightmare is that we go first.’

Madeline Mitchell USA TODAY

Karen and Jeff Groff have read the same children’s books to their son Danny for nearly four decades. • At 6-foot-1, 39-year-old Danny Groff enjoys sitting between his parents on their couch in Upper Arlington, Ohio, holding a stuffed Bert Muppet toy. He leans in toward his mother as she reads “Curious George Rides a Bike,” and breaks into a smile when she whispers, “George got curious.” • Danny Groff has Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a rare and severe type of epilepsy that typically develops in early childhood.

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Family portraits sit behind Jeff Groff as he reads to his son, Danny. From left in the pictures are Karen and Jeff when they were both young teachers. Danny and his sister Jessica are pictured in the smaller portraits. PHOTOS BY DORAL CHENOWETH/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Doctors work to help Gaza hospital rebuilding

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Doctors Against Genocide has raised more than \$400,000 to expand Shifa Hospital in Gaza as hospitals in the region struggle to keep up with the ongoing humanitarian crisis. Israel invaded Gaza City’s Shifa Hospital in November 2023 and March 2024, saying Hamas worked in the area, a claim Hamas denied. Medical professionals have continued to work out of the seriously damaged facility. As of Aug. 12, Shifa Hospital was func-

tioning at 200-300% capacity, according to the World Health Organization. Doctors Against Genocide, which is made up of more than 20,000 medical professionals around the world, has a fundraising goal of \$737,000 to add a 140-bed extension to Shifa. The money will help engineers in Gaza buy and reuse materials – as aid entering Gaza is heavily restricted by Israel, said Michigan internist Dr. Nidal Jboor and Boston pediatric neurologist Dr. Karamah Hawash-Kuemmerle, co-founders of Doctors Against Genocide.

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Trump to host UFC at White House

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WASHINGTON – Beyond grappling with Congress and foreign adversaries, President Donald Trump will be hosting the White House’s first UFC fight in the summer of 2026. Trump, a longtime fan of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, planned the event for up to 20,000 spectators and a live television audience. The slate of mixed martial arts fights will be part of the yearlong celebrations for the country’s 250th anniversary. While building an eight-sided cage on the South Lawn or weighing athletes at the Lincoln Memorial for the UFC would be unusual, the historic grounds have routinely hosted sports ranging from tennis to T-ball. President Theodore Roosevelt built a tennis court in 1902 near what is now the West Wing, in the shadow of the office building that housed the State, War and Navy departments, according to the White House Historical Association. Sports could be dangerous even without brawling in UFC’s eight-sided cage known as the Octagon. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge’s namesake son blistered his foot while playing tennis and died of blood poisoning at 16, according to the historical association. On the milder side, bowling lanes were first installed indoors in 1947, and President Richard Nixon was an avid

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