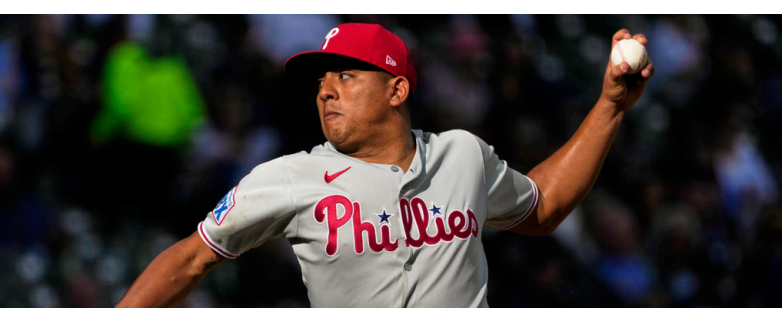


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## Banner night

The Eagles hung their second Super Bowl championship banner at Lincoln Financial Field on Thursday night before kicking off their season against the Dallas Cowboys. The game ended too late for this edition. **Monica Herndon / Staff Photographer**

## RFK Jr. grilled on vaccine stance

At a Senate hearing, the HHS secretary faced tough questions from both parties about efforts to pull back vaccine recommendations and turmoil at the CDC.

By Matt Brown and Mike Stobbe  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., facing pointed bipartisan questioning at a rancorous three-hour Senate committee hearing on Thursday, tried to defend his efforts to pull back COVID-19 vaccine

recommendations and explain the turmoil he has created at federal health agencies. Kennedy said the fired CDC director was untrustworthy, stood by his past anti-vaccine rhetoric, and disputed reports of people saying they have had difficulty getting COVID-19 shots. Medical groups and several Democrats in Congress have called for Kennedy to be fired, and his exchanges with Democratic senators on the panel repeatedly devolved into shouting, from both sides. But some Republican senators also expressed unease with his changes to COVID-19 policies. The GOP senators noted that Kennedy said President Donald

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Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. appears before the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday, where he faced bipartisan skepticism. **Mark Schiefelbein / AP**

## Trump team looks to end longtime European security assistance

The defense initiatives are focused on threats from Russia. The decision would impact millions in military aid to NATO allies.

By Noah Robertson  
Washington Post

The Trump administration intends to halt longtime security assistance programs for Europe, including an initiative to fortify the continent's eastern flank against a potential attack by Russia, as it endeavors to recast Washington's role within NATO, according to six people familiar with the matter. The decision would impact

hundreds of millions of dollars worth of military aid relied upon by some of the alliance's most vulnerable members. It has alarmed U.S. allies struggling to comprehend the administration's policy toward Europe and its chief adversary in the Kremlin after President Donald Trump, eager for a deal to end Russia's war in Ukraine, rescued its mercurial leader, Vladimir Putin, from diplomatic isolation. U.S. lawmakers, meanwhile, are confused by the move. "The Russians genuinely only care about American dollars, American troops, and the American flag," said a European official worried what signal a cut in U.S. aid would send to Moscow. Like others, the source spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter.

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## DOJ issues subpoenas targeting Fed governor Cook in criminal probe

Justice Department is looking into allegations of mortgage fraud as the Trump team steps up efforts to oust her from the central bank.

By Andrew Ackerman and Jeremy Roebuck  
Washington Post

The Justice Department has opened a criminal mortgage fraud investigation of Federal Reserve Board member Lisa Cook, a sharp escalation of the Trump administration's



Lisa Cook is facing mounting legal and political pressure as a member of the Federal Reserve. **Mark Schiefelbein / AP**

efforts to oust her from the central bank's board, according to two people familiar with the matter. Investigators in recent days have issued subpoenas as part of the inquiry, which originated with

a criminal referral from Bill Pulte, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, according to the two people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation. Pulte has accused Cook of making false statements on mortgage applications in connection with a home in Michigan and a condominium in Georgia. The probe is being overseen by Ed Martin, the director of the department's Weaponization Working Group, who is also overseeing similar mortgage fraud investigations involving Trump foes referred for investigation by Pulte such as Sen. Adam

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