



Teachers union chief under fire for trying to use pension funds for leftist politics

June 11, 2026 [wnd.com](#) reported: "The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has advocated for fossil fuel divestments, pro-DEI boycotts and other pressure campaigns, Consumers' Research told acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Keith Sonderling in a letter Thursday. The letter requests an investigation into whether AFT is influencing public pension trustees to go beyond their fiduciary duties and use their position to invest in the union's political priorities.

Millions of educators rely on public pension fiduciaries to retire. While AFT doesn't directly control public pension funds, over 50 AFT-affiliated trustees serve on 27 public pensions funds, according to the letter.

"Teachers spend their entire careers trusting that their retirement savings are being managed so they can retire without financial worries. Instead of focusing on maximizing returns, the AFT and its President Randi Weingarten have chosen to focus on woke agendas," Consumers' Research Executive Director Will Hild told the DCNF. "Weingarten has used her influence to push for boycotts of fossil fuel producers, firearm manufacturers, and retailers who do not conform to her woke priorities, even if these boycotts may negatively impact pensioners.

The AFT called for a Target boycott for its "rollback of commitments to diversity and investment in Black-owned businesses" in August 2025, according to a AFT resolution last March. They launched another boycott when Target's CEO "failed to take a stand against Immigration and Customs Enforcement's occupation of the community in which Target is headquartered" last February..."

Emergency action seeks to prevent erasure of 'mother' and 'father' in code of largest US town

June 10, 2026 [foxnews.com](#) reported: "Officials in America's most populated township are taking urgent action to stop a Democrat-backed bill that would replace "mother" and "father" in New York State law with gender-neutral parental terms.

The emergency resolution from Hempstead Township comes just days after New York State Legislature passed a bill that would replace "mother" with the term "gestating parent" and "father" with "non-gestating parent." It would also change "paternity" to "parentage."

Democrats say the measure is an effort to be more "inclusive" of the state's residents with non-traditional "gender identities." It is now awaiting action from Democrat Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Hempstead Township Supervisor John Ferretti told Fox News Digital the legislation is "woke nonsense."

"As a father of two, it was an insult to me and to my wife," Ferretti said in an interview on Tuesday. "As soon as I learned, the first thing I did was bring my wife into our bedroom and say, 'Look what they did up in Albany. They're eliminating the terms mother and father from state law.'"

His nine-year-old daughter overheard the conversation and got upset, asking Ferretti: "Can I still call you dad?"

NASA reveals Artemis III crew

June 9, 2026 [newsnationnow.com](#) reported: "The four astronauts to board Artemis III, with a targeted launch date of late 2027, include Mission Specialists Andre Douglas and Col. Frank Rubio, Pilot Luca Parmitano and Commander Randy Bresnik. Bob Hines will serve as the backup crew member and will train alongside the four others.

The next astronauts to head toward the moon will follow in the **footsteps** of the Artemis II crew, who made history as the first team to fly around the dark side of the moon.

"The NASA astronauts... are ushering in the golden age of discovery," said NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman in a press conference Tuesday. "They are carrying forward the hopes and dreams of the next generation just as the Apollo astronauts did for so many of us."

The mission is expected to last around two weeks. "We wish you Godspeed on the journey ahead," Isaacman said.

Luca Parmitano will pilot the mission. The first Italian space station commander, Parmitano, is a two-time flyer. He completed basic flight training with the US Air Force in 2001, was selected by the Italian Air Force to become a test



ATF President Randi Weingarten

pilot in 2007, selected for the European Space Agency in 2009, was promoted to the role of Colonel in the Italian Air Force in 2019, and has logged more than 2,000 hours of flying time.

Marine Corps. Col. Randy Bresnik will command the mission. He is a two-time ISS commander. Bresnik was selected as a NASA astronaut in 2004 and most recently served as the commander of the ISS for Expedition 53 and flight engineer for Expedition 52. He has logged 7,000 flight hours..."

US striking Iran in response to downing of helicopter, military says

June 9, 2026 [*bbc.com*](#) reported: "The US has launched strikes on Iran after President Donald Trump accused the country of shooting down a US helicopter over the Strait of Hormuz and vowed to respond.

American forces began strikes at 17:00 EST (22:00 BST) on Tuesday in response to the helicopter downing, US Central Command (Centcom) said.

"The mission is a proportional response to unjustified Iranian aggression, Centcom said in a statement.

The two crew members of the downed US Apache helicopter were rescued by an American sea drone, Centcom said. "There were two pilots involved, both are safe and uninjured," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "Nevertheless, the United States must, of necessity, respond to this attack."

One US official told CBS News, the BBC's US partner, that it's not clear if the drone deliberately attacked the helicopter. Iranian media appeared to acknowledge the incident, with the semi-official Mehr News Agency reporting that Iran had not claimed responsibility..."

After another round of retaliation, Iran and Israel say they will hold off for now

June 8, 2026 [*csmonitor.com*](#) reported: Iran and Israel renewed exchanges of direct fire overnight Sunday, effectively disrupting a fragile two-month ceasefire declared by President Donald Trump and risking a return to full-blown war.

The complex chain of tit-for-tat military actions, in Lebanon, and then between Iran and Israel, presented another challenge for Mr. Trump, who repeated his claim on Sunday that a peace deal was within reach.

It also underscored how Iran is seeking to reshape regional dynamics to its advantage, and ensure a comprehensive regional ceasefire that protects its strategic ally Hezbollah in Lebanon and that is not vulnerable to what it considers frequent Israeli and American violations.

By mid-afternoon Monday in Iran, the top military command headquarters, Khatam al-Anbiya, announced a cessation of operations. But it also warned that if Israeli attacks continue, "including in southern Lebanon," then Iran's response will be "more severe."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later said in a statement that he would "hold fire" against Iran, but warned that Israel would "respond powerfully" if Iran "made a mistake" and resumed attacks..."

A flesh-eating cattle parasite spreads beyond Texas as new far-flung screwworm cases are found

June 8, 2026 [*breitbart.com*](#) reported: "Two more cases of the New World screwworm have been confirmed, including one outside the main cluster in Texas, demonstrating the difficulty of stopping a pest that could potentially devastate the nation's cattle industry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Monday.

The screwworm is actually a fly larva that eats living flesh instead of dead material. Females lay their eggs in open wounds of warm-blooded animals like cattle, but wildlife, pets and occasionally even humans can be infested. A government program to breed sterile male flies and drop swarms of them from planes to mate with wild females had kept screwworm contained at the southern end of Panama for decades.

So far, there are four confirmed cases: three calves in Texas and a dog from neighboring Lea County, New Mexico. The dog, which the USDA initially reported as a Texas case, lives in New Mexico and was reclassified as the first in that state. The animal's travel history is being investigated.

The first two screwworm cases were discovered last week in calves a few miles apart in south Texas. The third was announced Monday in La Salle County, southwest of San Antonio. Scientists expect a handful of new cases could pop up in the coming days and weeks, but it doesn't mean screwworm is spreading rapidly, said Edward Burgess, a University of Florida entomologist who studies the fly..."

