

CN Morning Rundown: Amid Olympic Controversy, One Athlete Is Setting Records and Giving God Glory

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As talks about COVID-19 measures and controversy around the first transgender athlete to compete swirl around the upcoming Olympic Games, one track star has a far different focus: being the best athlete she can, all for the glory of God.

Sydney McLaughlin, a New Jersey native, is the new world record-holder for the women's 400-meter hurdles. She clocked a time of seconds at the June 27 U.S. Olympic Trials. But the 21-year-old says this amazing feat was only possible by one thing: God's race plan.

Following the meet, McLaughlin posted on Instagram how getting to that race was evidence of the testimony of God's grace and guidance in her life. "Weeks like these are some of the hardest in a track athletes life," she wrote, referring to the time of preparation she endured leading up to a meet she called "something special."

Court Overturns Bill Cosby's Sexual Assault Conviction

Pennsylvania's highest court threw out Bill Cosby's sexual assault conviction and opened the way for his immediate release from prison Wednesday in a stunning reversal of fortune for the comedian once known as "America's Dad," ruling that the prosecutor who brought the case was bound by his

predecessor's agreement not to charge Cosby.

Cosby, 83, has served more than two years of a three- to 10-year sentence after being found guilty of drugging and violating Temple University sports administrator Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He was the first celebrity tried and convicted in the #MeToo era.

The former *Cosby Show* star was arrested in 2015, when a district attorney armed with newly unsealed evidence—the comic's damaging deposition testimony in a lawsuit brought by Constand—brought charges against him days before the 12-year statute of limitations ran out.

Larry Tomczak: Ignore Irritating Critics and Applaud America's Achievements

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free/ And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

"And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today/Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land! God bless the ." —"Proud To Be an American," Lee Greenwood

The July 4th weekend is for most of us a joyous occasion celebrating the birthday of this great nation. A day off work to enjoy family, friends, fireworks and festivities that lift our spirits.

This in spite of the results of a recent poll of 400,000 college students where 57% of the liberal students answered no to the question "Are you proud to be an American?" And how about the heavyweight hammer throwing Olympian who showed contempt by refusing to honor our flag and National Anthem on the platform in the trials? {eoa}

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